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To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August,

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October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board has transitioned to a hybrid schedule, meaning that quarterly Board meetings will be held in person. The public can still attend virtually via the Webex link after registration.

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, February 1, 2024 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of September 1, 2023	
Pharmacists	2,117
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	777
Pharmacy Interns	336
Pharmacy Technicians	1,051
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	113
Pharmaceutical Detailers	813
Pharmacy Technician Trainee Programs	8

Update to Vaccinations and Immunizations in the District of Columbia

On June 22, 2023, the interim director of the Department of Health adopted an emergency rule regarding Chapter 65 (Pharmacists) of Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professions) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

This will now allow pharmacists certified by the Board to give immunizations and vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to children ages three through 17 years, with parental consent. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, District of Columbia-licensed pharmacists were only able to give vaccinations to children ages 12 years and older.

The emergency rulemaking also allows registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns to administer COVID-19 vaccinations and seasonal influenza vaccinations, while under a pharmacist’s direct supervision, to individuals ages 18 years and older. It is important to note that a written protocol and prescription or standing order with a District of Columbia-licensed physician will be required for pharmacists to administer immunizations, with the exception of COVID-19 vaccinations and seasonal influenza vaccinations.

For more information regarding the emergency rulemaking, click [here](#) and select “View Text” for Notice ID N133131.

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