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2026-2027 Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

The Utah Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL), working with advice from the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, is issuing guidance clarifying the use of the 2026-2027 influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

Effective September 1, 2026, Utah pharmacists have the authority to prescribe and administer 2026-2027 Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-licensed inactivated (IIV3, ccIIV3, HD–IIV3, aIIV3), recombinant (RIV3), and live (LAIV3) influenza vaccine products and mRNA and recombinant protein-based COVID-19 vaccine products to eligible populations without a prescription from a provider. Pharmacists are also still authorized to administer all FDA-licensed vaccines pursuant to a prescription or collaborative practice agreement.

DOPL clarifies its current *Vaccine Administration Guidance*, dated April 10, 2024 (and *Vaccine Administration Protocol*, revised September 1, 2023), as follows: Pharmacists may consult Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) interim clinical considerations for administration of the seasonal influenza vaccine and the 2025-2026 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine for the 2026-2027 season. Pharmacists may also refer to seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccine guidelines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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At this time, pharmacists are not authorized to administer the FDA-licensed 2026-2027 mRNA influenza vaccine (mFLUSIVA®) without a written prescription from a provider or pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement.

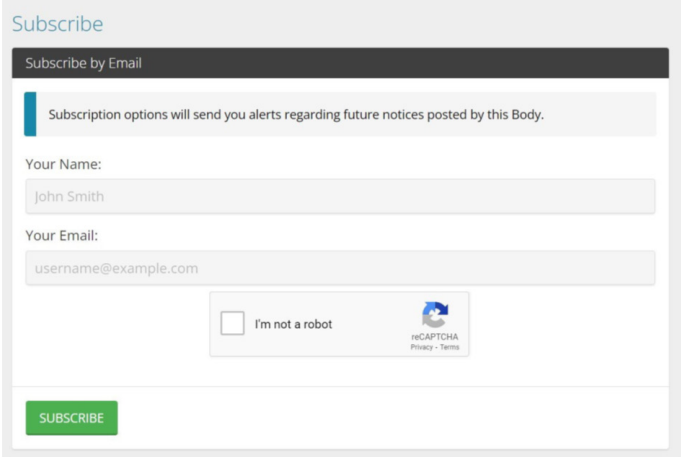
This guidance expires in the event that ACIP provides updated 2026-2027 recommendations, with adoption by CDC.

Direct link for this guidance document: *https://commerce.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/26-27-Flu-and-Covid-Vaccine-Announcement.pdf*

The document can also be found on the DOPL Pharmacy website under "Resources": *https://commerce.utah.gov/dopl/*

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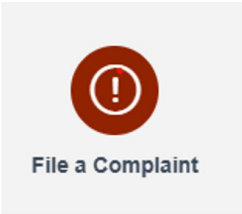


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If you need to file a complaint regarding a licensed professional in Utah, DOPL offers two straightforward options:

Option 1: Submit Electronically (Recommended)

1. Visit the DOPL home page at *commerce.utah.gov/dopl*.
2. Scroll down until you see the **red circle with an exclamation point** labeled **"File a Complaint."**
3. Click the link and follow the step-by-step online prompts to submit your report.

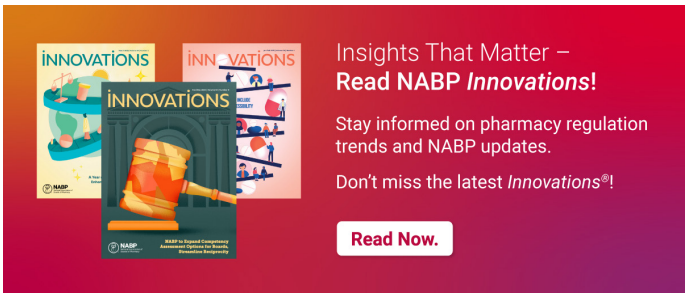


Option 2: Mail or Email a Paper Form

If you prefer to submit your complaint manually, you can download a printable form directly from the Complaint Portal or access the DOPL Complaint Form pdf. Once completed, send the form back to DOPL via email or postal mail by using the instructions provided on the form.

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