



Pharmacy Technician Society of Alberta

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Dear Honourable Tyler Shandro,

We were pleased to see Dr. Hinshaw's **Direction to Seek Further Assistance from Regulated Health Practitioners with COVID-19 Immunization**. We believe this action will help ensure there are sufficient numbers of qualified health professionals available to administer COVID-19 vaccine as the immunization program expands.

Pharmacy technicians are regulated health professionals, and despite having knowledge, skill and competence to administer a vaccine, do not yet have authorization to perform this restricted activity. Current regulations provide a barrier to utilizing Alberta's pharmacy technicians in this capacity.

In response to this pandemic, pharmacy technicians in Nova Scotia, Ontario and internationally, including the United States and United Kingdom, have already been granted authorization to administer vaccines. Enacting an order to enable this practice would bring Alberta in line with other leading jurisdictions.

We appreciate you considering our request to grant pharmacy technicians authorization to administer the vaccine to Albertans.

Respectfully,

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