



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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Vaccination by Student Nurses

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is authorized by the state of South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 36-9-1.1, to safeguard life, health and the public welfare; and to protect citizens from unauthorized, unqualified and improper application of nursing practices.

The South Dakota Board of Nursing issues opinions as to what constitutes safe nursing practice. As such, an opinion is not a regulation of the Board and does not have the force and effect of law. An opinion is issued as a guideline to licensees who wish to engage in safe nursing practice, and to facilitate the delivery of safe, effective nursing care to the public.

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The South Dakota Board of Nursing has received inquiries regarding the role of nursing students in mass vaccination clinics. The Board issued the following:

Statement

“Pursuant to SDCL 36-9-28 (2), the South Dakota Board of Nursing affirms that a student who is enrolled in a practical or registered nurse prelicensure program may administer vaccinations under the supervision of a licensed registered nurse who is available in the immediate area to supervise the student.

South Dakota licensed institutions or authorized agencies should validate that a student is enrolled in an approved nursing program, has received didactic and clinical education on the vaccinations to be administered, and is competent to administer the vaccinations.”

Applicable South Dakota Laws

1. [SDCL 36-9-3. Practice of registered nurse](#)
2. [SDCL 36-9-4. Practice of licensed practical nurse](#)
3. [SDCL 36-9-28. Practices not prohibited by chapter](#)