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Subject: Nursing Students Deemed “Qualified Persons” Under Federal PREP Act;
Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines

The Department of Health and Human Service has issued its Seventh Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19. The full Declaration can be found [here](#). Effective March 11, 2021, the Department amended the categories of “qualified persons” authorized to administer covered COVID-19 countermeasures to include nursing students.

In accordance with this Declaration, nursing students may administer the FDA’s authorized COVID-19 vaccines under the following circumstances:

- The student is enrolled in a nursing education program and the vaccine administration is performed while participating in a preceptorship or other clinical portion of the educational program.
- All vaccine administration is done under the supervision of the student’s preceptor or clinical instructor.
- The student has participated in and complied with the terms and training required by the CDC’s COVID-19 Vaccination Program.
- The student and facility are compliant with the FDA’s provider requirements within the Emergency Use Authorizations for each vaccine.