



**Designation of Exempt Health Care Facilities for Purpose of O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1
“Vaccine Protocol Agreements”**

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-34-26.1(o)(1) and Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 360-34-.09, I hereby designate vaccines administered within or on behalf of the following health care service locations to be exempt from the requirements of this statute:

- Hospitals, including any facility or entity owned, operated, or leased by a hospital;
- Physicians’ offices;
- Long-term care facilities, which includes intermediate care facilities, personal care homes, and skilled nursing facilities as defined by O.C.G.A. §31-6-2; nursing homes as defined by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 111-8-56-.01(a); inpatient hospice as defined by Code Section 31-7-172 and licensed pursuant to O.C.G.A. §31-7-173; and assisted living communities and all facilities providing assisted living care pursuant to O.C.G.A. §31-7-12.2;
- Health clinics and infirmaries operating as part of of a university, college, or post-secondary educational institution;
- High school, middle school, and elementary school infirmaries overseen by a duly licensed physician or school nurse;
- Public health departments, including county boards of health;
- Federally-qualified health centers; and
- Rural Health Clinics

Vaccines may be administered at those health care facilities by any person otherwise authorized by law to do so. However, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 31-12-3.1, any person who administers a vaccine is mandated to submit immunization information into the Georgia Immunization Registry System (GRITS).

This 9 day of November, 2020.

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