



Allow Texas Families the Choice to Continue Accessing Childhood Vaccines at Pharmacies

PLEASE SUPPORT:

HB 3540 (Rep. Harless) / SB 254 (Sen. Flores)

Permanently authorizes pharmacists to order and administer childhood vaccines to help provide access and to allow PARENTS A CHOICE of when and where to vaccinate their children.

Physicians, Pediatricians,
and Pharmacists
**REACHED A
COMPROMISE**
and support
this legislation!

What It Does:

- Expands access to preventive care through vaccines while still preserving the critical role of pediatricians.
- Emphasizes necessity of childhood well-check visits.
- Allows pharmacists to order and administer recommended childhood vaccines to individuals 5 years and older (3 years and older for influenza and COVID-19).
- Allows pharmacists to delegate vaccine administration to a certified pharmacy technician.



Background:

- Physician and pharmacies together serve many medically underserved areas and at-risk populations.
- Since 2020, the federal PREP Act has authorized licensed pharmacists to order and administer all recommended childhood vaccines to ages 3 and older.
- Texas has allowed pharmacists to provide vaccines to anyone 14 years and older since 1999 and flu shots to children 7 years and older since 2009.
- Physicians and pharmacists are partnering on a collaborative study to strengthen the Texas Vaccines for Children program.