



New Brunswick  
College of Pharmacists  
Ordre des pharmaciens  
du Nouveau-Brunswick

*Governing the practice of pharmacy for a healthier New Brunswick  
Régir l'exercice de la pharmacie pour un Nouveau-Brunswick en meilleure santé*

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### Save the Date...

- March 31: Deadline for [submission of N.B. Pharmacy award nominations and scholarship and bursary applications](#)

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## 1. Registration of students and new graduates

The College strives to give timely attention to all requests and applications. The staff at the College endeavors to meet the demands of an ever-increasing volume of registration requests in an efficient

and effective manner. All applications and requests are deemed important and all applicants must be treated fairly.

The following suggestions will help ensure the application process is a positive experience.

### **Applicants**

- Use the application checklist as a guide to ensure your application is complete before submitting it to the College. [{LINK}](#)
- Take note of the required **format** of certain documents and submit those correctly to avoid unnecessary delays.
- Give yourself plenty of time when requesting items that must be included with your application such as a criminal record check, insurance policy, etc.
- Communicate openly and regularly with your employer or preceptor so they are aware of registration delays due to items that may be missing from your application package or that you submitted in an incorrect format.

### **Employers / Preceptors**

- Discuss the status of an application with the applicant; the College respects the [privacy](#) of each applicant and will only discuss an open file directly with them.
- Review the application checklist with a potential new hire or student to make sure they have submitted all required pieces to the College in the required format.
- Allow for reasonable application processing time when making plans for new hires and setting employment start dates.\*
- Be an example to the new registrants as they begin their career in pharmacy in New Brunswick, to have a strong and mutually respectful relationship in all dealings with the College.

\*Expect some processing time following the release of the PEBC exam results. Successful completion of the PEBC examinations is one of the many requirements for registration and licensure.

For access to all application packages, please visit the College website [www.nbpharmacists.ca](http://www.nbpharmacists.ca) and click on the Applicant tab. [{LINK}](#)

## **2. Sale of COVID-19 rapid tests in pharmacies**

Please see the following update on information regarding the sale of COVID-19 rapid tests in pharmacies. This message has been updated since it was published on October 8, 2021 in an e-mail sent by the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists. [{LINK - UPDATE}](#)

## **3. Coming soon, a new website**

The College has some exciting news you can look forward to in the coming weeks. After several months in the works, we are in the final stages of launching a new website, one that will provide pharmacy professionals and members of the public with a more intuitive and user-friendly experience.

The website features a fresh new look, improved navigation and a more efficient operating system that will simplify keeping things up to date and making the overall experience more responsive on desktop, mobile and tablet.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the new website and all that it has to offer! Details on a specific launch date will be provided in the coming weeks through the regular College updates.

#### **4. Public Health NB updates**

##### **A. Vaccination post COVID-19 infection**

Dr. Yves Léger, New Brunswick's Acting Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health issued an update on the administration of vaccinations to individuals who have experienced a COVID-19 infection.

In the memo [\[LINK\]](#), Dr. Leger outlines the current suggested interval between SARS-COV-2 infection and subsequent vaccine doses.

Additionally, a Frequently Asked Questions document was provided [\[LINK – FAQs\]](#) to provide more clarity on specific questions.

##### **B. Novavax Nuvaxovid availability in New Brunswick**

Public Health NB has confirmed the Novavax Nuvaxovid vaccine will likely be ready to distribute later this month. Pharmacies are being contacted directly by Public Health via e-mail and telephone to determine ability for participation in this program.

This product may be available as a primary series to people aged 18 years and older who have delayed vaccination to this point. For more information about Novavax Nuvaxovid, please refer to Health Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/drugs-vaccines-treatments/vaccines/novavax.html>

#### **5. Health Canada update - Methadone: Assessing the potential risk of hypoglycemia**

Please review this correspondence from Marketed Health Products Directorate, Docket 21-121098-138, regarding summary safety review for methadone and the potential risk of hypoglycemia. [{NOTICE}](#) [{SUMMARY}](#)

#### **6. Diluent usage for administering Pfizer vaccinations**

Please see the following memo sent by Vratislav Hadrava M.D., Ph.D., vice-president and medical director of Pfizer Canada regarding diluent usage for administering Pfizer vaccinations [{LINK}](#)

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