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 Nursing Laws**

1. 36-9-3 Practice of registered nurse
2. 36-9-4 Practice of licensed practical nurse
3. 36-9-28 Practices not prohibited by chapter