



COVID-19 Response Efforts - December 11, 2020

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is committed to protecting the health and safety of Ohioans during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Board posted a document on its website that provides COVID-19 guidance and response efforts, including the issuance of waivers to assist licensees in addressing operational needs. **Waivers can be found starting on page 5 of this document:**

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID.

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

IMPORTANT SURVEY: Ohio Licensed Staff Resources for Potential Medical Surge from COVID-19

Below is a link to a survey about staffing healthcare entities for the COVID-19 response. The goal of this survey is to identify unaffiliated personnel (people not already being counted by hospitals) who can offer support in a healthcare surge. Support may be needed for both clinical and behavioral health care. This is an unprecedented incident, and we need to identify all available healthcare providers to mount an effective response.

Available and interested licensees will be contacted by a representative from the State of Ohio or by interested healthcare entities to discuss next steps. If you filled out the survey this past spring and remain interested, you must complete the survey again. **[PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY CLICKING ON THIS LINK](#)**

Licensees with questions regarding the survey can contact: MRC@odh.ohio.gov

As a reminder, the Board has extended its policy that permits a pharmacist who has had an Ohio license lapse or expire, to apply for a temporary, no-cost license reinstatement under certain conditions.

This policy may be accessed by visiting: <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmTEMP>

Board of Pharmacy Issues Updated Vaccine Guidance 12/11/2020

On December 11, 2020, the Board of Pharmacy adopted a new resolution on the vaccine reporting requirements in Ohio law and rule. The resolution now permits reporting to [ImpactSIIS](#) as an additional method for meeting the primary care or local health department notification requirements.

- Pharmacist and pharmacy intern administration of childhood vaccines during COVID-19 can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CV2020 [see Q10 of the document for update]
 - Pharmacist and pharmacy intern administration of COVID-19 vaccines can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDvaccine [see Q11 of the document for update]
 - Pharmacy technician administration of vaccines during COVID-19 can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechAdmin [see Q9 of the document for update]
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REMINDER: Use of Ohio Identification Cards for the Sale of Pseudoephedrine or Ephedrine Products During COVID-19

To promote patient access to medications during the COVID-19 pandemic and flu season, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy issued guidance regarding the use of Ohio-issued photo identification for

the purchase of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products. This guidance can be accessed here:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CovidPSE

The Board strongly encourages pharmacies to honor the extension of Ohio-issued driver licenses and state identification cards to ensure patient access to needed medications.

Pharmacies should also be advised that NPLEx/MethCheck does not block a transaction with an expired identification. A successful transaction can be submitted with an expired ID. If you have specific questions about this process, please reach out to your POS vendor contact or Appriss at OHNPLEx@appriss.com.
