



E-News Update July 2020

New Outpatient Pharmacy Rules Effective 12/1/2020

Effective December 1, 2020, new rules for outpatient pharmacies (Chapter 4729:5-5 of the Administrative Code) go into effect. To assist licensees in complying with the new rule chapter, the Board recently published an outpatient pharmacy inspection guide (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OPinspect).

The inspection guide aligns with internal guidance used by Board inspectors and allows licensees to conduct self-inspections to ensure compliance. The guide also includes links to the new rules, important definitions, and reminders of when a licensee is required to submit notification or additional information to the Board.

To provide further guidance to licensees, the Board has opened a comment period for the inspection guide. This comment period will be open until **August 21, 2020**.

Following the conclusion of this comment period, the Board will review all comments and attempt to address or clarify any issues within the guide.

Comments/questions on the outpatient pharmacy inspection guide should be sent to: RuleComments@pharmacy.ohio.gov

Outpatient Inspection Guide Continuing Education Opportunity

To assist with the implementation of the new outpatient pharmacy rules, the Board has developed a one-hour jurisprudence quiz. This quiz is intended to test a participant's knowledge of the new outpatient pharmacy rules and provides one contact hour (0.1 CEU) of State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved jurisprudence for pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians.

For more information on the quiz, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OPquiz

COVID-19 Update: Face Coverings Required in High-Risk Counties

Effective Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., a new [Ohio Department of Health order](#) mandates face coverings in public in all counties that are designated as a Red Alert Level 3 Public Health Emergency or a Purple Alert Level 4 Public Health Emergency.

As of 7/9/2020, [twelve counties in Ohio are designated at Red Alert Level 3](#), which indicates that individuals in the following counties have a very high risk of exposure and spread:

- Butler County
- Clermont County
- Cuyahoga County
- Fairfield County
- Franklin County
- Lorain County
- Hamilton County
- Montgomery County
- Pickaway County
- Summit County
- Trumbull County
- Wood County

For more information on this public health order, including specifics on the face covering requirements, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Please be advised that the employee face covering requirement, regardless of county, is still in effect. For more information on those requirements, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RestartOhio

New COVID-19 Waiver Issued

On July 7, 2020, the Board formally adopted FDA's [Temporary Policy on Prescription Drug Marketing Act Requirements for Distribution of Drug Samples During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(June 2020\)](#), which authorizes Ohio-licensed drug distributors to deliver drug samples to a patient's home.

This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
