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## COVID-19 Response Efforts - January 22, 2021

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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](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID).

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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## Ohio Department of Health Issues Vaccine Provider Update

The Ohio Department of Health issued a new vaccine provider update on January 20, 2021. This update can be accessed [here](#).

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## Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Registry

The Ohio Department of Health is seeking licensed healthcare professionals to enroll in the Medical Reserve Corps and help administer the COVID-19 vaccine in Ohio communities. Click [here](#) to learn how you can enroll today.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Information

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) requires all sites who wish to enroll as COVID-19 Vaccine providers to check and record the minimum and maximum (min/max) temperatures of cold storage refrigerators and/or freezers each workday. In addition, twice daily temperature checks must be conducted at the beginning and end of the day. **Failure to comply with proper vaccine storage and monitoring is a violation of Board of Pharmacy rules and may result in administrative discipline against a licensee and the licensee's Responsible Person.**

For more information on proper vaccine storage and handling, please review the following links:

- [ODH Temperature Monitoring Standards](#)
- [Temperature Monitoring for Pfizer](#)
- [Pfizer Storage and Handling Checklist](#)
- [Pfizer Storage, Preparation, Handling and Administration](#)
- [Replenishment of Dry Ice](#)
- [Moderna Vaccine Storage and Handling Summary](#)

All ODH resources pertaining to vaccine distribution, storage, and handling can be accessed here: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ODHinfo](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ODHinfo)

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