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## COVID-19 Response Efforts - January 5, 2022

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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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### Authorization for National Guard to Serve as Pharmacy Technician Trainees

To mitigate possible workforce shortages during the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following resolution on the use of Ohio National Guard personnel as pharmacy technician trainees: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/GuardTech](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/GuardTech)

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### CDC HAN - Using Therapeutics to Prevent and Treat COVID-19

#### SUMMARY

The SARS-CoV-2 [Omicron](#) variant has quickly become the [dominant variant of concern](#) in the United States and is present in all 50 states. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that eligible individuals should get all [vaccines and booster shots](#) as the best preventive measure available against severe disease, hospitalizations, and death due to COVID-19.

Therapeutics are also available for preventing and treating COVID-19 in specific [at-risk populations](#). These therapeutics differ in efficacy, route of administration, risk profile, [and whether they are authorized by the U.S Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) for adults only or adults and certain pediatric populations](#).

Some therapeutics are in short supply, but availability is expected to increase in the coming months. This Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory serves to familiarize healthcare providers with available therapeutics, understand how and when to prescribe [and prioritize](#) them, and recognize contraindications.

For the complete Health Advisory visit: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00461.asp>

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