

## COVID-19 Response Efforts

**Updated 9/24/2025**

### Rescinded COVID-19 Waivers & Guidance

The following list has been updated to reflect the Ohio Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 waivers that have expired.

Waiver Issue Date	Description	Recission Effective
<b>3/14/2020 – UPDATED 3/30/2020 &amp; 6/11/2020</b>	Authorized the compounding and sale of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and outsourcing facilities.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>
<b>3/14/2020 - UPDATED 4/14/2020 &amp; 5/15/2020</b>	Authorized licensees conducting sterile compounding to reuse certain personal protective equipment (PPE). The waiver was updated to align with recently released PPE conservation guidance issued by the FDA.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>
<b>3/20/2020 – UPDATED 4/23/2020</b>	Authorized licensees to perform sterile compounding for another licensee, referred to as central compounding.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>

<b>4/3/2020, 12/1/2020 – UPDATED 1/11/2020</b>	Permits the temporary reinstatement of lapsed or expired Ohio pharmacist licenses in Ohio under certain conditions.	<b>This resolution has been rescinded and replaced by a change in the Federal PREP Act. NOTE: The change to Federal PREP ACT is RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023.</b>
<b>4/17/2020 – UPDATED 5/15/2020</b>	Formally adopted FDA’s “ <a href="#">Temporary Policy for Compounding of Certain Drugs for Hospitalized Patients by Outsourcing Facilities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</a> ” for Ohio-licensed outsourcing facilities.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>
<b>4/23/2020</b>	Formally adopted FDA’s “Temporary Policy on Repackaging or Combining Propofol Drug Products During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency” for Ohio-licensed pharmacies, repackagers, and outsourcing facilities.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>
<b>7/7/2020</b>	Formally adopted FDA’s “ <a href="#">Temporary Policy on Prescription Drug Marketing Act Requirements for Distribution of Drug Samples During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (June 2020)</a> ” authorizing Ohio-licensed drug distributors to deliver drug samples to a patient’s home.	<b>RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023</b>
<b>3/16/2020 – UPDATED 6/8/2020</b>	Authorized the extension of emergency refills. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22 (see new law regarding emergency refills: <a href="http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/emergency">www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/emergency</a>)</b>

<b>3/18/2020</b>	Authorized prescribers working in an opioid treatment program licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to temporarily delegate personally furnishing of buprenorphine products to nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22 – This resolution has been incorporated into rule (see OAC <a href="#">4729:5-21-02</a>).</b>
<b>3/18/2020 – UPDATED 4/14/2020</b>	Authorized prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drugs to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>3/31/2020 – UPDATED 4/30/2020</b>	Authorized the use of temporary satellite locations for the storage and use of dangerous drugs during COVID-19. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>4/17/2020</b>	Authorized the temporary waiver of the 5 percent limit on the occasional wholesale sales of dangerous drugs by a licensed pharmacy set forth in rule <a href="#">4729:5-3-09</a> of the Administrative Code.	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>6/8/2020</b>	Authorizes a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) to mail or deliver non-controlled drugs to patients that have been personally furnished by a prescriber that is employed or contracted by the terminal distributor.	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>12/17/2020</b>	Temporarily suspends in-person training requirements for obtaining BLS in paragraph	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>

	(M) of rule 4729:1-3-02 and (A)(3) of rule 4729:2-3-03 of the Administrative Code.	
<b>2/16/2021</b>	Temporarily expands the pharmacy intern supervision requirements in OAC 4729:2-1-01 for interns administering the COVID-19 vaccine.	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>1/3/2022</b>	National Guard personnel assigned to any Ohio-licensed pharmacy may perform technician trainee activities pursuant to rule 4729:3-3-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code and any other COVID-19 waivers issued by the Board under the direct supervision of a pharmacist without registration by the Board.	<b>RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22</b>
<b>4/14/2020</b> <b>*Medical Marijuana</b>	Permits medical marijuana patients and caregivers to renew patient/caregiver registrations and recommendations using an expired method of identification under certain conditions.	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.</b>
<b>4/14/2020</b> <b>*Medical Marijuana</b>	Permits minors (i.e., those under the age of 18) and adult patients with legal guardians to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.</b>
<b>4/1/2020</b> <b>*Medical Marijuana</b>	Permits patients with expired forms of identification to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.</b>
<b>4/7/2020</b> <b>*Medical Marijuana</b>	Permits currently registered patients and caregivers who have lost their authorized form of photo identification to utilize alternate	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.</b>

	forms of identification in order to purchase medical marijuana.	
<b>3/16/2020 – UPDATED 3/26/2020 &amp; 6/8/2020</b>	Authorized pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians licensed in other states to work in Ohio pharmacies under certain conditions. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 8/31/23.</b>
<b>3/20/2020</b>	Authorized registered pharmacy technicians to stock automated drug storage systems and send and receive copies of non-controlled prescriptions, under certain conditions. Additionally, provides clarification on the positive identification requirements for technicians transferring prescriptions. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.</b>  <b>NOTE: REGISTERED TECHNICIANS CAN ALREADY STOCK ADS SYSTEMS UNDER UPDATES TO OAC <a href="#">4729:3-3-03</a>.</b>
<b>3/24/2020 – UPDATED 6/8/2020 &amp; 8/31/2020</b>	Authorized expedited licensure of drug distributors. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 11/1/23.</b>
<b>4/7/2020</b>	Authorized nurses (LPN, RN, APRN) to stock automated drug storage systems within a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that has an on-site pharmacy under certain conditions. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.</b>
<b>4/14/2020</b>	Authorized an Ohio pharmacy to request a temporary waiver to permit a pharmacist to supervise up to five pharmacy technician	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.</b>

	trainees at one time (up from the current limit of three). This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	
<b>12/14/2020</b>	Permits registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees to stock automated pharmacy systems and automated drug storage systems at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, subject to certain conditions.	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.</b>  <b>REPLACED WITH <a href="#">NEW RESOLUTION</a> THAT PERMITS TECHNCIAN TRAINEES TO CONTINUE TO STOCK AUTOMATED PHARMACY SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATED DRUG STORAGE SYSTEMS.</b>
<b>12/14/2020</b>	Authorizes the use of support personnel for packaging shipping containers and to package medications for delivery or sale. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS ALREADY PERMITTED UNDER OAC 4729:3-1-01 MADE IN 2022.</b>
<b>3/18/2020 – UPDATED 3/20/2020, 6/8/2020 &amp; 8/31/2020</b>	Authorized the temporary expansion of the maximum days’ supply permitted under rules 4729-9-23 and 4729:5-5-18 of the Administrative Code from 31 days to 60 days. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>THIS RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 10/1/2024. THIS IS PERMITTED UNDER AMENDMENTS TO OAC 4729:5-5-18.</b>
<b>3/16/2020 – UPDATED 3/26/2020</b>	Authorized expedited onboarding of pharmacy technician trainees. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	<b>RESCIND EFFECTIVE 1/1/24.</b>

## **Updates to COVID-19 Guidance Due to Changes Under the Federal PREP Act**

With the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), here is a summary of the changes under the [PREP Act](#) that will impact pharmacy personnel in Ohio effective May 12, 2023:

- **Extending coverage for COVID-19 vaccines, seasonal influenza vaccines, and COVID-19 tests.** PREP Act immunity from liability will be extended through December 2024 to pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 and seasonal influenza vaccines (to those individuals three and over, consistent with other requirements) and COVID-19 tests, regardless of any USG agreement or emergency declaration.
- **Ending of coverage for routine childhood vaccinations.** Once there is no emergency in effect, PREP Act coverage will no longer extend to all routine childhood vaccinations by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians.

## **COVID-19 Waivers and Resolutions for Licensees**

**IMPORTANT: These waivers are still in effect.**

*To allow for licensees to adjust business operations accordingly, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy shall provide a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the rescission of any resolutions or waivers issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 30-day notice requirement does not apply to any resolution that is based upon authorization of a federal agency or the Governor of the State of Ohio.*

<b>Waiver Issue Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expiration of the Guidance</b>
<b>3/18/2020</b>	Authorized home delivery of medications by opioid treatment programs under specific conditions. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	This guidance, as is authorized by the Drug Enforcement Administration, shall remain in effect until the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) rescinds the declared public health emergency.
<b>6/16/2023</b>	Permits pharmacy technician trainees to stock automated pharmacy systems and automated drug storage systems at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, subject to certain conditions. This resolution can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .	This resolution is in effect until rescinded by the Board.