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## COVID-19 Response Efforts - February 4, 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 pandemic. 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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## 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 \(CDC\)](#)
- [Pfizer Storage and Handling Checklist \(CDC\)](#)
- [Pfizer Storage, Preparation, Handling and Administration \(CDC\)](#)
- [Replenishment of Dry Ice \(CDC\)](#)
- [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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## Identity Theft and Unemployment Benefits

Unfortunately, identity theft is a widespread national challenge. Many Ohioans have become victims, and their identities used to file fraudulent unemployment claims in both the traditional unemployment and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance programs.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has established an identity theft website that provides information and resources on what to do if your identity has been compromised:

<https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/IdentityTheft/>

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