

## COVID-19 Response Efforts - March 17, 2021

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.

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit <a href="www.coronavirus.ohio.gov">www.coronavirus.ohio.gov</a> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

## **Board of Pharmacy Updates Institutional Facility Vaccine Guidance**

The Board issued the following updated resolution today regarding the use of continency stock licenses at long-term care facilities for the storage and use of vaccinations. The updated resolution permits the use of the servicing pharmacy's contingency stock license to maintain dangerous drugs used to treat adverse reactions to vaccines stored at the facility.

For more information, licensees can review the updated guidance document by visiting: <a href="https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LTCvaccine">www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LTCvaccine</a>

Resolution (Adopted 11.2.2020) Updated 3.16.2021

To promote improved access to vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby authorizes a long-term care facility or other institutional facility, as defined under agency 4729 of the Ohio Administrative Code, to possess and administer COVID-19 or other vaccines to patients and staff under the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license issued to the facility's servicing pharmacy (e.g., contingency stock license). This resolution shall also permit the use of the servicing pharmacy's contingency stock license to maintain dangerous drugs used to treat adverse reactions to vaccines stored at the facility.