COVID-19 Response Efforts - January 21, 2022

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.

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Update on COVID-19 Therapeutics

The FDA issued prescribing requirements for new COVID-19 therapeutics (such as EVUSHELD™) under emergency use authorization. Therefore, pharmacists are not permitted to order certain COVID-19 therapeutics using the PREP Act Authorization. For more information, pharmacists should consult each therapeutic's Emergency Use Authorization. The Board updated its guidance document to reflect this change.

For specific questions regarding the distribution of COVID-19 therapeutics in Ohio, please email the Ohio Department of Health: therapeutics@odh.ohio.gov

Federal and State Resources for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

The CDC has issued FAQs to assist healthcare providers in implementing a COVID-19 vaccination program. The FAQs may be accessed by visiting: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccine-providers-faq.html.

As a reminder, for each COVID-19 vaccine authorized under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that vaccine recipients or their caregivers are provided with certain vaccine-specific EUA information to help make an informed decision about vaccination. More information about this requirement can be accessed here: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health and the Board have several resources to assist healthcare providers administering COVID-19 vaccines:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Program
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Health Providers
- For Pharmacy Technicians: Pharmacy Technician Administration of Vaccines during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- For Pharmacists & Interns: Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Board encourages licensees to review these resources to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

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