



COVID-19 Response Efforts - January 6, 2021

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.

Ohio Department of Health Issues Vaccine Provider Update

The Ohio Department of Health issued a new vaccine provider update on January 5, 2021. This update can be accessed [here](#).

COVID-19 Therapeutics Program for Home Infusion and Long-Term Care Pharmacies

For Home Infusion: The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) is working with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to increase access to bamlanivimab (Eli Lilly) for COVID-19 in high-risk, eligible individuals residing or working in long-term care facilities, including assisted living facilities. The program utilizes home infusion providers – in partnership with facility staff – to identify, assess, coordinate, dispense, and administer monoclonal antibody therapies in these healthcare settings. For more information, visit: <https://www.nhia.org/news/bam-pilot-program/>

For Long-Term Care: HHS/ASPR has also implemented a federal program for the allocation of monoclonal antibodies for long-term care pharmacies. Pharmacies that are interested in participating should contact Chad Worz (cworz@ascp.com) at the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Please be advised that this program is completely independent of state allocations and will not affect state allocations.
