



Board of Pharmacy

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New Immunization Law Effective 10/24/2024

Effective 10/24/24, [section 4729.41 of the Ohio Revised Code](#) authorizes a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern, certified pharmacy technician, or registered pharmacy technician working under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, to administer, subject to a physician protocol, the following immunizations:

- Any immunization for any disease, including immunizations for influenza and COVID-19, to individuals 5 years old or older without a prescription.

Additionally, for each immunization administered to an individual who is younger than eighteen years of age, the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, certified pharmacy technician, or registered pharmacy technician shall inform the individual's parent or legal guardian of the importance of well child visits with a pediatrician or other primary care provider and shall refer patients when appropriate.

For more information about these changes, the Board updated its immunization guidance:

- [Immunizations by Pharmacists and Pharmacy Interns](#)
- [Immunizations by Registered or Certified Pharmacy Technicians](#)

Please be advised that the rules on pharmacist, pharmacy intern, and technician immunization administration are in the process of being updated to reflect the changes to Ohio law. The changes to the law override any conflicting provisions between the law and the rule.

Minimum Standards Rules - Ancillary Services

With the start of COVID and influenza immunization season, the Board would like to remind pharmacy personnel of the new minimum standards rules for outpatient pharmacies that went into effect on 5/1/2024. This set of rules includes prohibitions on quotas for ancillary services such as immunizations (see OAC [4729:5-2-01.1](#)). Please be advised these rules also prohibit retaliation against employees who comply with the requirements of the rules or who report violations of these rules to the Board.

For more information, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/minstandard

Be Vigilant - Watch Out for Scammers!

BOARD STAFF DO NOT ASK FOR MONEY OVER THE PHONE OR VIA EMAIL TO RESOLVE PENDING INVESTIGATIONS. WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE TARGET OF A SCAM.

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert to avoid scammers.

Scammers may try to initiate contact via phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency. If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail, personal service, or electronic registered mail.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint. Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email (contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

Certified Technician Renewal Ends 9/30/2024

Certified technician renewal is happening now through September 30, 2024. Pharmacies should verify all technicians have renewed by that date to continue practicing in the pharmacy. Technicians who are up for renewal should have received email communications on 6/26 and/or 7/25.

For more information on renewal requirements, click [here](#). For any additional questions, please email technician@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

REMINDER: Continuous Quality Improvement Rules Effective 3/1/2025

On March 1, 2025, the following rules will go into effect:

- Rule **4729:5-3-22** of the Administrative Code requires any pharmacy licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to implement a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacy services. For more information on the requirements of this rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmacyCQI
- Rule **4729:5-4-02** of the Administrative Code requires pharmacies licensed as terminal distributors of dangerous drugs to submit certain information to the Board. This includes the reporting of some dispensing errors. For more information on the requirements of this rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmacyReport

To coincide with the new rules listed above, the Board is also implementing new duty to report rules for pharmacy personnel effective March 1, 2025:

- Rule [4729:1-4-02](#) of the Administrative Code is a new version of the pharmacist duty to report rule. This rule removes the requirement that pharmacists report errors in dispensing to the Board, as this responsibility will fall under the pharmacy duty to report rule (OAC [4729:5-4-02](#)). For more information on the new version of this rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmReportNew
- Rule [4729:2-4-02](#) of the Administrative Code is a new version of the pharmacy intern duty to report rule. For more information on the new version of this rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/InternReportNew.
- Rule [4729:3-4-02](#) of the Administrative Code is a new version of the current pharmacy technician duty to report rule. For more information on the new version of this rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechReportNew.

REMINDER: New Recall Procedures Rule Effective 11/11/2024

Effective November 11, 2024, rule [4729:5-3-18](#) of the Administrative Code requires all terminal distributors of dangerous drugs to develop and implement a written procedure to manage recalls for the dangerous drugs stocked, dispensed, or personally furnished by the licensee. Such procedures must be regularly updated as necessary and must be readily retrievable (e.g., produced within three business days) upon request. For more information on this new rule, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/recalls.



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