

COVID-19 Response Efforts - April 7, 2020

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. This document will be updated regularly and can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID. Please be advised that new waivers were issued today (see below).

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

New COVID-19 Waivers Issued

- NEW: Authorized nurses (LPN, RN, APRN) to stock automated drug storage systems within a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs under certain conditions. This guidance can be accessed here.
- NEW: Authorized pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and certified pharmacy technicians to conduct FDA-approved COVID-19 testing under certain conditions. This guidance can be accessed here.

Ohio Department of Health: COVID-19 Staffing Survey

Below is a link to a survey about COVID-19 staffing. The goal of this survey is to identify unaffiliated personnel (people not already being counted by hospitals) who could support potential hospital surge from COVID-19. Support may be needed for both clinical and behavioral healthcare. This is an unprecedented incident, and we may need the entirety of the State of Ohio, working together, to mount an effective response.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID-19_Surge

Please take a few minutes to complete the included survey. Available and interested personnel will be contacted by a representative from the State of Ohio to discuss next steps to ready you for deployment.