



COVID-19 Response Efforts - December 9, 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. **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.

IMPORTANT SURVEY: Ohio Licensed Staff Resources for Potential Medical Surge from COVID-19

Below is a link to a survey about staffing healthcare entities for the COVID-19 response. The goal of this survey is to identify unaffiliated personnel (people not already being counted by hospitals) who can offer support in a healthcare surge. Support may be needed for both clinical and behavioral health care. This is an unprecedented incident, and we need to identify all available healthcare providers to mount an effective response.

Available and interested licensees will be contacted by a representative from the State of Ohio or by interested healthcare entities to discuss next steps. If you filled out the survey this past spring and remain interested, you must complete the survey again. **[PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY CLICKING ON THIS LINK](#)**

Board of Pharmacy Issues Updated Vaccine Guidance

On December 3, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an [additional amendment](#) to the PREP Act that clarifies training requirements for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. In response to these changes, the Board updated its vaccine guidance documents to include these updates as well as updated links to rules:

- Pharmacist and pharmacy intern administration of childhood vaccines during COVID-19 can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CV2020
 - Pharmacist and pharmacy intern administration of COVID-19 vaccines can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDvaccine
 - Pharmacy technician administration of vaccines during COVID-19 can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/TechAdmin
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REMINDER: Guidance on Vaccine Storage and Administration in Institutional Facilities and Other Settings

In November, the Board issued updated guidance regarding the storage and administration of vaccines in institutional facilities and other settings. As part of this guidance, the Board issued the following resolution to permit the storage and administration of vaccines at a long-term care facility under the terminal distributor license of the pharmacy servicing the facility:

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 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.

This resolution will be in effect for the foreseeable future as the state continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. To view the full guidance document, visit:

REMINDER: Ohio Department of Health Issues COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Provider Update (12/4/2020)

On December 4, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Provider Update. The update can be found [here](#) and can also be accessed from the Board's guidance document page under "CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCES" header: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Pubs/Special.aspx. The title of the document is "Ohio Pandemic Vaccine Provider Update."
