



COVID-19 Response Efforts - March 17, 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.

New COVID-19 Waivers Issued

- Authorized pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed in other states to work in Ohio pharmacies under certain conditions. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized expedited onboarding of pharmacy technician trainees. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized an extension of the renewal date for registered pharmacy technicians and automatic technician trainee extensions. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
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Practicing Pharmacy in a Safe and Effective Manner During COVID-19

Section 4729.55 of the Revised Code requires a pharmacy to implement adequate safeguards that allow pharmacy professionals employed by a terminal distributor to practice pharmacy in a safe and effective manner. This includes implementing [ODH recommended safeguards](#) to protect pharmacy professionals (pharmacists, interns, technician, and support personnel) and patients during a public health emergency. For more information, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID.

Important COVID-19 Reminders

The Board has issued additional guidance based upon questions received from licensees. This additional guidance is listed under the *Important COVID-19 Reminders* section of the Board's [response efforts document](#).
