



COVID-19 Response Efforts - January 21, 2022

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.

Update on COVID-19 Therapeutics

The FDA issued prescribing requirements for new COVID-19 therapeutics (such as EVUSHELD™) under emergency use authorization. Therefore, pharmacists are not permitted to order certain COVID-19 therapeutics using the PREP Act Authorization. For more information, pharmacists should consult each therapeutic's Emergency Use Authorization. The Board updated its [guidance document](#) to reflect this change.

For specific questions regarding the distribution of COVID-19 therapeutics in Ohio, please email the Ohio Department of Health: therapeutics@odh.ohio.gov

Federal and State Resources for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

The CDC has issued FAQs to assist healthcare providers in implementing a COVID-19 vaccination program. The FAQs may be accessed by visiting: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccine-providers-faq.html>.

As a reminder, for each COVID-19 vaccine authorized under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that vaccine recipients or their caregivers are provided with certain vaccine-specific EUA information to help make an informed decision about vaccination. More information about this requirement can be accessed here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/eua/index.html>

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health and the Board have several resources to assist healthcare providers administering COVID-19 vaccines:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for Health Providers](#)
- For Pharmacy Technicians: [Pharmacy Technician Administration of Vaccines during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- For Pharmacists & Interns: [Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

The Board encourages licensees to review these resources to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

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