



COVID-19 Response Efforts - April 23, 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 and updated 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.

Infection Control Procedures for Non-Pharmacy Licensees **UPDATED 4/23/2020**

On April 2, 2020, Ohio Department of Health Director, Dr. Amy Acton, issued an amended Stay at Home Order. A copy of the order may be reviewed [here](#).

This order implements additional requirements that essential non-pharmacy licensees (clinics, OTPs, etc.) are required to comply with in order to remain open. To assist non-pharmacy licensees, the Board has developed a guidance document that can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDnp.

Drug Compounding Resolutions and Guidance During COVID-19 **UPDATED 4/23/2020**

In recent weeks, the Board has issued several resolutions on drug compounding. To further assist licensees, all compounding resolutions and guidance have been consolidated into a single document. Licensees are advised that several of the Board's compounding resolutions have been updated to comply with temporary compounding policies issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Board's compounding resolutions and guidance document can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDcompounding

COVID-19 Drug Shortage Guidance **UPDATED 4/23/2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals and other healthcare facilities may experience shortages of drugs necessary to care for patients. The Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Health, has developed the following guidance to assist hospitals and other healthcare facilities in obtaining drugs that may not be commercially available from manufacturers or wholesalers.

This guidance can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDshortage.

New and Updated Waivers and Guidance Issued

- **NEW:** Formally adopted FDA's "Temporary Policy on Repackaging or Combining Propofol Drug Products During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" for Ohio-licensed pharmacies, repackagers, and outsourcing facilities. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).

- **UPDATED:** Authorized automatic exemptions to rule authorizing the compounding of drugs in shortage (4729-16-10) under certain conditions. This updated guidance can be accessed [here](#).
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Ohio Launches Toll-Free 'COVID Careline' to Provide Emotional Support for Ohioans: 1-800-720-9616

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today joined with Governor Mike DeWine and RecoveryOhio to launch a new, toll-free Careline to provide emotional support for Ohioans who are experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohioans may call 1-800-720-9616 to connect with trained counselors for 24/7 support. The Careline is staffed by credentialed counselors who have been trained to provide free, confidential support for a wide range of needs, including mental health concerns, substance use, problem gambling, and more.

Individuals experiencing an acute crisis can still reach out to the Ohio Crisis Text Line (keyword 4HOPE to 741 741) or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).
