



COVID-19 Response Efforts - March 18, 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.

Practicing Pharmacy in a Safe and Effective Manner - Mandatory Requirements **NEW!**

On March 18, 2020, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy issued **mandatory requirements** for pharmacies to implement safeguards to ensure pharmacy professionals practice in a safe and effective manner. These requirements can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDsafe

New COVID-19 Waivers Issued

- Authorized prescribers working in an opioid treatment program licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to temporarily delegate personally furnishing of buprenorphine products to nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized home delivery of medications by opioid treatment programs under specific conditions. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized an extension of basic life-support training certifications for pharmacists and pharmacy interns. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drug samples to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - Authorized the temporary expansion of the maximum days' supply permitted under rule 4729-9-23 of the Administrative Code from 31 days to 60 days. This extension only applies to prescriptions dispensed to patients residing in long-term care facilities. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
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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](#).
