



COVID-19 Response Efforts - May 15, 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.

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Responsible RestartOhio Guidance UPDATED 5/15/2020

On April 30, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Stay Safe Ohio Order. This order permits all businesses, except those specifically [listed in the order](#), to reopen or remain open as long as all workplace safety standards are met. A copy of the order may be reviewed [here](#).

The order implements uniform requirements that pharmacies, wholesalers, and other Board of Pharmacy licensees and registrants are required to comply with to remain open. The Board has posted more information about complying with this order and the Responsible RestartOhio requirements here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/RestartOhio.

Licensees **are strongly advised to review** the applicable [Responsible RestartOhio Requirements](#). As a reminder, these requirements include the following:

- Ensure minimum of 6 feet between employees, if not possible, install barriers.
- Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the reasons specified in the [Responsible RestartOhio Requirements](#).
- Ensure minimum 6 feet between customers/patients/etc.
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment.
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic.
- Require regular handwashing by employees.
- Place hand sanitizers in high-contact locations.
- Clean high-touch items after each use.

IMPORTANT: The above requirements are not an exhaustive list and licensees and registrants should consult the [Responsible RestartOhio Requirements](#) document for further information.

These requirements replace all previously issued guidance on how licensees are to maintain clean and sanitary conditions during COVID-19.

Drug Compounding Resolutions and Guidance During COVID-19 UPDATED 5/15/2020

Over the past two weeks, the FDA has issued updated policies on drug compounding:

1. [Temporary Policy for Compounding of Certain Drugs for Hospitalized Patients by Outsourcing Facilities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(Updated May 8, 2020 to add morphine sulfate and epinephrine\)](#)
2. [Temporary Policy for Compounding of Certain Drugs for Hospitalized Patients by Pharmacy Compounders not Registered as Outsourcing Facilities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Guidance for Industry \(Updated May 8, 2020 to add morphine sulfate and epinephrine\)](#)
3. [Temporary Policy Regarding Non-Standard PPE Practices for Sterile Compounding by Pharmacy Compounders not Registered as Outsourcing Facilities During the COVID-19 Public](#)

[Health Emergency](#) (Updated May 14, 2020)

Please be advised that the Board has updated its own guidance to incorporate these policy updates. The Board's compounding resolutions and guidance document can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDcompounding

The Board has also updated its outsourcing facility resolution to incorporate FDA's updated temporary policy for outsourcing facilities: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/osf20.
