



COVID-19 Response Efforts - December 2, 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. **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.

Temporary Extension of Basic Life Support Requirements Updated 12/2/2020

To address limited access to basic life-support training recertification and a significant increase in COVID-19 cases, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following resolution regarding certifications maintained by Ohio pharmacists and pharmacy interns.

Pharmacists and pharmacy interns whose basic life-support training certification is set to expire on or after March 1, 2020 will be permitted to continue to administer immunizations and dangerous drugs in accordance with section 4729.41 under the following conditions:

- The pharmacist or intern maintains documentation demonstrating their basic life-support training certification expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- The pharmacist or intern obtains recertification **no later than May 1, 2021**.

IMPORTANT: This provision does not apply to pharmacists, pharmacy interns, or technicians who provide immunizations under the amendments to the Federal PREP Act. For additional information on providing COVID-19 immunizations, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVIDvaccine.

A copy of this updated waiver can be accessed here: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/BLS2020>

Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine Administration and Informed Consent for Products Under an Emergency Use Authorization UPDATED 12/1/2020

Ohio's record keeping and vaccine administration rules generally require informed consent of the patient. However, as it is expected that any COVID-19 vaccine will be approved under an FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Board has adopted the following resolution as it pertains to consent:

Resolution on Informed Consent for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration (Adopted 12/1/2020)

In order to ensure uniform vaccination requirements, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following resolution regarding the informed consent requirements set forth in OAC 4729:1-3-02 and 4729:5-5-04 of the Administrative Code. This resolution is being issued in accordance with a Board resolution adopted on May 5, 2020. In lieu of the informed consent requirement, pharmacy personnel may adhere to the "Information for Recipients" guidance issued by the FDA for drug approved via Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) (see page 24 of the following document: <https://www.fda.gov/media/97321/download>).

Please note that this resolution does not replace or supersede any patient education requirements set forth by any other federal or state agency.

**Use of Ohio Identification Cards for the Sale of Pseudoephedrine or
Ephedrine Products During COVID-19
UPDATED 12/2/2020**

To promote patient access to medications during the COVID-19 pandemic and flu season, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy issued guidance regarding the use of Ohio-issued photo identification for the purchase of pseudoephedrine or ephedrine products.

This guidance can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CovidPSE

REMINDER: Pharmacy Technician Licensure Extensions

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor DeWine signed HB 404 into law, which requires all licenses/registrations to be extended until July 1, 2021. This change impacts pharmacy technician trainees, registered pharmacy technicians, and certified pharmacy technicians. For more information about this change [click here](#).

Please be advised that, as of 12/2/2020, all expiration dates have been updated in the [eLicense system](#) to reflect the new expiration date for those technicians who have yet to renew their registrations.
