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## COVID-19 Response Efforts - July 28, 2020

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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](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID).

For more information on the state's efforts to address coronavirus, visit [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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### Temporary Extension of Basic Life Support Requirements Updated 7/28/2020

To address limited access to basic life-support training recertification, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has adopted the following guidance 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 December 1, 2020 (formally July 29, 2020)**.

**IMPORTANT:** Unless circumstances warrant, the Board **does not** expect to extend this requirement past the new December 1, 2020 deadline. Licensees should plan to have their basic life-support training recertification current by December 1, 2020.

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

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