



COVID-19 Response Efforts - March 31, 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.

New and Updated COVID-19 Waivers Issued

- **NEW:** Authorized the use of temporary satellite locations for the storage and use of dangerous drugs during COVID-19. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - **NEW:** Authorized a temporary extension of the annual controlled substance inventory requirements pursuant to rule 4729:5-3-07 of the Administrative Code. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
 - **UPDATED:** Authorized an extension of the renewal date for registered pharmacy technicians and automatic technician trainee extensions. This guidance can be accessed [here](#).
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Reminder: DEA Guidance on Oral CII Prescriptions

DEA is aware that during this pandemic there are obstacles to practitioners meeting with their existing patients and providing these patients with written prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances. As a result, practitioners and pharmacists have asked DEA to clarify the circumstances under which oral schedule II prescriptions are permitted. DEA has issued guidance on this topic and has also announced temporary exceptions.

This guidance has been posted to the Board's website and can be [accessed here](#).
