



COVID-19 Response Efforts - March 23, 2021

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is committed to protecting the health and safety of Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 <u>www.coronavirus.ohio.gov</u> or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

PREP Act Expanded to Include Recently Inactive Pharmacists and New Flexibility for Healthcare Students

Pursuant to the Public Readiness and Preparedness (PREP) Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has expanded its guidance to include recently inactive (within the last five years) pharmacists and pharmacy interns in the list of clinicians who can administer COVID-19 vaccines. The amendment also allows healthcare students to administer COVID-19 vaccines under the supervision of any healthcare professional.

For more information on these updates and the requirements to qualify, use the following links:

- <u>PREP Act Fact Sheet Expanding the COVID-19 Vaccination Workforce</u>
- <u>Seventh Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness</u> <u>Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19</u>