

State	Board of Pharmacy COVID 19 Specific Guidance
Alabama	Between March 14 and March 31, 2020, the Board is <u>authorizing</u> pharmacists to process emergency drug refills for a 30-day supply of maintenance medications if specific requirements are satisfied. Further, on March 13, 2020, the Board also issued <u>guidance</u> for reduced pharmacist staffing.
Alaska	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Arizona	The Board discussed COVID-19 at the Board meeting on March 17, 2020. The state’s COVID-19 Task Force held a telephonic <u>meeting</u> on March 19, 2020, to discuss FAQs and address COVID-19 questions.
Arkansas	<p>The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy has a COVID-19 <u>FAQ</u> page that notes pharmacies can limit their services to delivery or drive through services only and may limit operations to a minimum of 40 hours per week without Board approval in accordance with Ark. Admin. Code § 070.00.4-04-00-0002(c). The Board has also addressed emergency refills of prescriptions by posting Ark. Stat. Ann. § <a href="#">17-92-102</a>, but it has not addressed moving pharmacy locations or operating remotely.</p> <p>The state has also issued <u>guidance</u> related to compounding garb shortages.</p>
California	<p>The Board has issued <u>guidance</u> on pharmacy law waivers for several pharmacy provisions.</p> <p>The Board has waived the signature requirement for the receipt of drug delivery if the delivery personnel confirm the employee accepting the delivery is a pharmacist and the delivery personnel inputs the pharmacist’s name and license number directly into their signature capture device in lieu of a physical signature.</p> <p>The Board has also waived the requirements for a consulting pharmacist to perform quarterly visits to a clinic if specific requirements are met.</p> <p>The Board has waived requirements related to personal protective equipment use for staff performing sterile compounding if certain conditions are met.</p> <p>In addition, the Board has also <u>authorized</u> the following waivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiver of certain remote processing requirements for controlled substances classified as Schedule II – V, if certain conditions are met.</li> </ul>

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Colorado	The Division of Professions and Occupations released an FAQ ( <a href="#">link</a> ) that addresses several topics, including cleanliness; pharmacies temporarily closing; pharmacy staff working from home; the ability of pharmacists to take verbal prescription/medication orders; reusing garbs; and shortages of pharmacy supplies.
Connecticut	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Delaware	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Florida	The Florida Board of Pharmacy provides a <a href="#">link</a> to the FL Dept. of Public Health’s COVID-19 response page, but it has not specifically addressed moving pharmacy operations or operating remotely in response to COVID-19. It has canceled upcoming Board meetings. On March 16, 2020, the state Department of Health issued an Emergency Order <a href="#">here</a> that notes “for the purpose of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating any effect of COVID-19, the provisions of Chapters 499 and 465 [pharmacy operations], Florida Statutes and rules promulgated thereunder, that if applied, would operate to limit distribution, dispensing, or administration of otherwise legitimate prescription drugs in a manner that could hinder, prevent, or delay mitigation of any health-related condition are suspended for a period of thirty days, unless extended.” This does not relate to controlled substances.
Georgia	<p>The Board issued an emergency <a href="#">policy</a> and statement addressing emergency refill dispensing (excluding controlled substances), temporary recognition of non-resident licensure, and temporary facilities for pharmacies.</p> <p>The Board also <a href="#">permits</a> the compounding of hand sanitizer gel.</p>
Hawaii	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.

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Idaho	The Board has released a <a href="#">FAQ</a> related to COVID-19, including information on immediate licensure for 30 days in certain circumstances and pharmacy closures.
Illinois	The Illinois Board of Pharmacy has not reported COVID-19 changes but did note the state of emergency is valid for 30 days. Contact the Board of Pharmacy directly as COVID-19 related issues arise for review.
Indiana	The state is considering a waiver for the 120-day requirement for renewals, but there has been no specific guidance posted on this. Currently, all boards and commissions are continued for at least 90 days. No other COVID-19 changes have been reported.
Iowa	The Board has <u>recognized</u> there may be shortages in protective garb and has noted that it will exercise enforcement discretion during this time if the pharmacy can demonstrate it complied with best practices during documented supply limitations.
Kansas	Board offices are closed from March 21-April 5, 2020. The Board issued a <a href="#">FAQ</a> <a href="#">here</a> addressing temporary pharmacy closures, reuse of garb for sterile compounding pharmacies, and emergency refills.
Kentucky	All March Board meetings have been canceled. Additionally, Governor Beshear issued an Executive <a href="#">Order</a> , dated March 10, 2020, declaring a state of emergency relating to the dispensing of pharmaceuticals. Pharmacists can find guidance at <a href="#">Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 315.500</a> , <a href="#">201 KAR 2:330</a> and <a href="#">201 KAR 2:175</a> .
Louisiana	The Board office is closed to all visitors and the state’s governor issued <a href="#">Proclamation</a> No. 25 JBE 2020: Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, in effect until April 9, 2020. The Board has issued <a href="#">guidance</a> on emergency refills and sterile compounding. There has been an additional clarification to the Proclamation, pertaining to Section IV, Rule Waivers, which deletes “one of” limiting language, and allows hospital pharmacies to have more than one pharmacist work remotely.
Maine	Governor Mills <a href="#">directed</a> the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to issue emergency rules to ensure MaineCare does not charge copays for office visits and prescription drugs that may be needed for COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment and to allow for a prescription refill of up to 90 days so people have to make fewer visits to pharmacies.
Maryland	The Maryland Board of Pharmacy issued guidance which can be found <a href="#">here</a> .

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Massachusetts	Pharmacists may process prescriptions remotely per Board <u>policy</u> , which currently only applies to pharmacists; however, the Board is actively developing guidance for technicians and interns. The Department of Public Health issued an <u>order</u> regarding the administration of certain medications for the treatment of opioid misuse disorder.
Michigan	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Minnesota	The Board issued a <u>FAQ</u> on COVID-19, discussing pharmacy hours and closings, working remotely, deliveries of filled prescriptions, compounding, and dispensing and counseling.
Mississippi	The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy office is now closed. The governor has declared a state of emergency and the state passed a <u>resolution</u> permitting pharmacists to provide a one-time emergency refill of non-controlled medication.
Missouri	The Board issued a <u>FAQ</u> sheet on COVID-19, addressing temporary pharmacy closures, performing non-dispensing activities outside of a licensed pharmacy, and guidance on the shortage of supplies for sterile compounding pharmacies.
Montana	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Nebraska	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Nevada	<p>The Board is granting waiver requests, and details on submitting a waiver request may be found <u>here</u>. In connection with the Governor’s state of emergency declaration, the Board has also <u>announced</u> it is taking the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporarily <u>authorized</u> practice of remote order entry for all licensed/registered pharmacy personnel.</li> <li>• Temporarily <u>authorized</u> licensees conducting sterile compounding to reuse certain PPEs.</li> <li>• Temporarily <u>authorized</u> the compounding and sale of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products by Nevada-licensed pharmacies and outsourcing facilities.</li> <li>• Temporarily <u>authorized</u> licensed/registered pharmacy personnel to perform COVID-19 testing off-site, in non-pharmacy areas.</li> </ul> <p>Partially <u>waived</u> regulation on the number of pharmaceutical techs in training that a pharmacist may supervise in a pharmacy.</p>

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New Hampshire	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
New Jersey	<p>The Board released <a href="#">guidance</a> regarding the reuse of personal protective equipment, changes in operation, relaxed requirements related to signature capturing, and extended closures of pharmacies. Further, waivers will not be required for dispensing early refills or dispensing up to a 90-day supply of medication or relaxed requirements for delivery protocols.</p> <p>Additionally, pharmacies may request waivers of specific pharmacy regulations by contacting the Executive Director at <a href="mailto:rubinaccioa@dca.njoag.gov">rubinaccioa@dca.njoag.gov</a>.</p>
New Mexico	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
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North Carolina	The Board of Pharmacy has made <a href="#">several announcements</a> regarding COVID-19 guidance, including allowing pharmacists to work remotely; reactivation of certain pharmacist licenses to provide patient care during the COVID emergency; garb shortages; and temporary pharmacy closures.
North Dakota	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Ohio	<p>The Ohio Department of Health issued a <a href="#">checklist</a> for COVID-19. The Board is <a href="#">closed</a> to the public but is working remotely.</p> <p>The Board has issued guidance which may be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ohio has adopted the FDA’s Policy for Temporary Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency.</li> <li>• Automatic Exemptions to Rule 4729-16-10 are granted and the definitions of Drug Shortages have been expanded.</li> <li>• Authorized home delivery of medications by opioid treatment programs under specific conditions.</li> <li>• Authorized an extension of basic life-support training certifications for pharmacists and pharmacy interns.</li> <li>• Authorized prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drug samples to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the</li> </ul>

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Oklahoma	Waivers for licensing and compliance may be granted in the public interest. Wavier form is found <a href="#">here</a> .
Oregon	The Governor has declared a state of emergency. The Board released <a href="#">information</a> related to temporary pharmacy registration for in-state pharmacy locations to create an alternative medication pick up or dispensing location.
Pennsylvania	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has closed but is maintaining communication through email, and it has permitted <a href="#">telemedicine</a> services for pharmacies and temporary <a href="#">licenses</a> .
Rhode Island	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
South Carolina	<p>SC DHEC Bureau of Drug Control <a href="#">authorized</a> a one-time early refill of Schedule III-V prescriptions for valid refills that are due within the next seven days (date of posting unclear).</p> <p>Dispensers shall pull all original controlled substances prescriptions and document any early refill information in full detail; including, but not limited to, the date, time, the reason for early refill, and the pharmacist signature associated with the transaction. Compliance with this Order supersedes any conflicting requirement of Regulation 61-4.</p> <p>The Board is also expediting licensure during this time.</p>
South Dakota	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Tennessee	The Board has issued <a href="#">guidance</a> on how to deal with shortages and the use of sterile compounders and reuse.

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Texas	The Board has published <a href="#">guidance</a> for sterile compounding pharmacies during COVID-19. The Board offices are currently closed, but many staff are working remotely and can be contacted via email. Agency email addresses are available <a href="#">here</a> .
Utah	Utah has published a COVID-19 Responses Effort <a href="#">Notice</a> that provides the possibility to obtain emergency licenses for out-of-state pharmacists and other emergency measures, such as emergency refills.
Vermont	<p>The Office of Professional Regulation is permitting continuing education renewal <a href="#">extensions</a> of up to 180 days.</p> <p>Pharmacists may also disregard individual fill quantities up to the total prescribed quantity or ninety days (whichever occurs first). Remote consulting without a prior relationship may also be permitted. Other Board guidance is located <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Virginia	<p>The VA BoP issued <a href="#">guidance</a> on March 13, 2020, which discusses reminders for pharmacy personnel to mitigate the risk of exposure, labeling requirements, permits compounding of hand sanitizer without obtaining a prescription, reuse of masks, out-of-state pharmacists or techs practicing pharmacy in an affected area of VA and the use of central/remote order processing on behalf of an out-of-state pharmacy during a state of emergency.</p> <p>Pharmacies needing to close for longer than 72 hours due to emergency circumstances are recommended to notify the Board of the closing, the anticipated duration of the closing, and actions taken to ensure patient continuity of care and to mitigate diversion of the drug.</p>
Washington	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
West Virginia	No waivers are being granted and renewals are being processed normally. Board guidance is located <a href="#">here</a> relating to emergency closures of pharmacies, preparedness, continuing education, and shortages of personal protective equipment.
Wisconsin	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.
Wyoming	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.

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District of Columbia	As of March 19, 2020, the state Board has not reported COVID-19 changes.

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