

COVID-19 Response Efforts

Updated 10/6/2025

Rescinded COVID-19 Waivers & Guidance

The following list has been updated to reflect the Ohio Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 waivers that have expired.

Waiver Issue Date	Description	Recission Effective
3/14/2020 – UPDATED 3/30/2020 & 6/11/2020	Authorized the compounding and sale of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and outsourcing facilities.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023
3/14/2020 - UPDATED 4/14/2020 & 5/15/2020	Authorized licensees conducting sterile compounding to reuse certain personal protective equipment (PPE). The waiver was updated to align with recently released PPE conservation guidance issued by the FDA.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023
3/20/2020 – UPDATED 4/23/2020	Authorized licensees to perform sterile compounding for another licensee, referred to as central compounding.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023

4/3/2020, 12/1/2020 – UPDATED 1/11/2020	Permits the temporary reinstatement of lapsed or expired Ohio pharmacist licenses in Ohio under certain conditions.	This resolution has been rescinded and replaced by a change in the Federal PREP Act. NOTE: The change to Federal PREP ACT is RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023.
4/17/2020 – UPDATED 5/15/2020	Formally adopted FDA’s “Temporary Policy for Compounding of Certain Drugs for Hospitalized Patients by Outsourcing Facilities During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency” for Ohio-licensed outsourcing facilities.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023
4/23/2020	Formally adopted FDA’s “Temporary Policy on Repackaging or Combining Propofol Drug Products During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency” for Ohio-licensed pharmacies, repackagers, and outsourcing facilities.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023
7/7/2020	Formally adopted FDA’s “Temporary Policy on Prescription Drug Marketing Act Requirements for Distribution of Drug Samples During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (June 2020)” authorizing Ohio-licensed drug distributors to deliver drug samples to a patient’s home.	RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2023
3/16/2020 – UPDATED 6/8/2020	Authorized the extension of emergency refills.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22 (see new law regarding emergency refills: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/emergency)

3/18/2020	Authorized prescribers working in an opioid treatment program licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to temporarily delegate personally furnishing of buprenorphine products to nurses licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22 – This resolution has been incorporated into rule (see OAC 4729:5-21-02).
3/18/2020 – UPDATED 4/14/2020	Authorized prescribers to delegate personally furnishing non-controlled drugs to nurses licensed in accordance with Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
3/31/2020 - UPDATED 4/30/2020	Authorized the use of temporary satellite locations for the storage and use of dangerous drugs during COVID-19.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
4/17/2020	Authorized the temporary waiver of the 5 percent limit on the occasional wholesale sales of dangerous drugs by a licensed pharmacy set forth in rule 4729:5-3-09 of the Administrative Code.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
6/8/2020	Authorizes a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) to mail or deliver non-controlled drugs to patients that have been personally furnished by a prescriber that is employed or contracted by the terminal distributor.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
12/17/2020	Temporarily suspends in-person training requirements for obtaining BLS in paragraph (M) of rule 4729:1-3-02 and (A)(3) of rule 4729:2-3-03 of the Administrative Code.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22

2/16/2021	Temporarily expands the pharmacy intern supervision requirements in OAC 4729:2-1-01 for interns administering the COVID-19 vaccine.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
1/3/2022	National Guard personnel assigned to any Ohio-licensed pharmacy may perform technician trainee activities pursuant to rule 4729:3-3-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code and any other COVID-19 waivers issued by the Board under the direct supervision of a pharmacist without registration by the Board.	RESCINDED – EFFECTIVE 8/10/22
4/14/2020 *Medical Marijuana	Permits medical marijuana patients and caregivers to renew patient/caregiver registrations and recommendations using an expired method of identification under certain conditions.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.
4/14/2020 *Medical Marijuana	Permits minors (i.e., those under the age of 18) and adult patients with legal guardians to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.
4/1/2020 *Medical Marijuana	Permits patients with expired forms of identification to utilize a birth certificate to register as a medical marijuana patient.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.
4/7/2020 *Medical Marijuana	Permits currently registered patients and caregivers who have lost their authorized form of photo identification to utilize alternate forms of identification in order to purchase medical marijuana.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 6/5/23.
3/16/2020 –	Authorized pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians licensed in other	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 8/31/23.

UPDATED 3/26/2020 & 6/8/2020	states to work in Ohio pharmacies under certain conditions.	
3/20/2020	Authorized registered pharmacy technicians to stock automated drug storage systems and send and receive copies of non-controlled prescriptions, under certain conditions. Additionally, provides clarification on the positive identification requirements for technicians transferring prescriptions.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23. NOTE: REGISTERED TECHNICIANS CAN ALREADY STOCK ADS SYSTEMS UNDER UPDATES TO OAC 4729:3-3-03.
3/24/2020 – UPDATED 6/8/2020 & 8/31/2020	Authorized expedited licensure of drug distributors.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 11/1/23.
4/7/2020	Authorized nurses (LPN, RN, APRN) to stock automated drug storage systems within a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that has an on-site pharmacy under certain conditions.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.
4/14/2020	Authorized an Ohio pharmacy to request a temporary waiver to permit a pharmacist to supervise up to five pharmacy technician trainees at one time (up from the current limit of three).	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23.
12/14/2020	Permits registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees to stock automated pharmacy systems and automated drug storage systems at a location licensed as	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 7/5/23. REPLACED WITH NEW RESOLUTION THAT PERMITS

	a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, subject to certain conditions.	TECHNCIAN TRAINEES TO CONTINUE TO STOCK AUTOMATED PHARMACY SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATED DRUG STORAGE SYSTEMS.
12/14/2020	Authorizes the use of support personnel for packaging shipping containers and to package medications for delivery or sale.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS ALREADY PERMITTED UNDER OAC 4729:3-1-01 MADE IN 2022.
3/18/2020 – UPDATED 3/20/2020, 6/8/2020 & 8/31/2020	Authorized the temporary expansion of the maximum days’ supply permitted under rules 4729-9-23 and 4729:5-5-18 of the Administrative Code from 31 days to 60 days.	THIS RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 10/1/2024. THIS IS PERMITTED UNDER AMENDMENTS TO OAC 4729:5-5-18.
3/16/2020 – UPDATED 3/26/2020	Authorized expedited onboarding of pharmacy technician trainees.	RESCIND EFFECTIVE 1/1/24.

COVID-19 Immunization Waivers – Rescinded Effective 11/3/2025

The following COVID-19 immunization waivers previously issued by the Board are hereby rescinded effective **November 3, 2025**:

Immunization Resolution Text	Date Rescinded
<i>To ensure streamlined vaccine administration, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy temporarily authorizes records of COVID-19 vaccine administration by pharmacy personnel (pharmacists, interns, technicians) to comprise the following:</i> <i>Records of COVID-19 vaccine administration by pharmacy personnel shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the vaccine administered, the name and date of birth of the person to whom or for whose use the vaccine was administered, the date of administration, and the identification of the pharmacy personnel administering the drug. This resolution does not supersede any record keeping requirements from the Ohio Department of Health or any federal agency.</i>	RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 11/3/2025.
<i>To maximize the safe administration of COVID-19 vaccines, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy temporarily expands the pharmacy intern supervision requirements in OAC 4729:2-1-01 (O)(4) as follows:</i> <i>Pursuant to OAC 4729:2-1-01, the Board authorizes a pharmacist to supervise up to six pharmacy interns providing immunizations. The Board hereby expands the number of pharmacy interns providing COVID-19 vaccines a pharmacist can supervise as follows:</i> ▪ <i>A pharmacist may supervise between 7-12 pharmacy interns at once if a nurse licensed or registered under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code or an Ohio EMS certificate holder practicing in accordance with the vaccine administration guidance from the Ohio EMS Board is present and assisting with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines.</i>	RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 11/3/2025.

▪ A pharmacist may supervise between 13-18 pharmacy interns at once if two or more nurses licensed or registered under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code or two or more Ohio EMS certificate holders practicing in accordance with the vaccine administration guidance from the Ohio EMS Board are present and assisting with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines.	
<i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>	RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 11/3/2025.
<i>To promote improved access to vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby authorizes a long-term care facility or other institutional facility, as defined under agency 4729 of the Ohio Administrative Code, to possess and administer COVID-19 or other vaccines to patients and staff under the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license issued to the facility’s servicing pharmacy (e.g., contingency stock license). This resolution shall also permit the use of the servicing pharmacy’s contingency stock license to maintain dangerous drugs used to treat adverse reactions to vaccines stored at the facility.</i>	RESOLUTION IS RESCINDED EFFECTIVE 11/3/2025.

COVID-19 Waivers and Resolutions for Licensees

IMPORTANT: These waivers are still in effect.

To allow for licensees to adjust business operations accordingly, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy shall provide a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to the rescission of any resolutions or waivers issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 30-day notice requirement does not apply to any resolution that is based upon authorization of a federal agency or the Governor of the State of Ohio.

Waiver Issue Date	Description	Expiration of the Guidance
3/18/2020	Authorized home delivery of medications by opioid treatment programs under specific conditions. This resolution can be accessed here .	This guidance, as is authorized by the Drug Enforcement Administration, shall remain in effect until the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) rescinds the declared public health emergency.
6/16/2023	Permits pharmacy technician trainees to stock automated pharmacy systems and automated drug storage systems at a location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, subject to certain conditions. This resolution can be accessed here .	This resolution is in effect until rescinded by the Board.