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COVID-19 Report

State	Updates
AK	The Board will be meeting on Monday, March 23 rd to discuss emergency regulations including the possibility of extending renewals. More information to follow.
AL	<p>Effective March 14th until March 31st the Board is authorizing pharmacists to process emergency prescription refills for a 30-day supply of maintenance medications so long as certain requirements are met. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Board also issued guidance in the event of reduced pharmacist staffing due to the virus. For more information click here.</p>
AR	<p>The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy released recommendations related to compounding garb shortages. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Board released a COVID-19 set of Frequently Asked Questions which covers issues such as pharmacy hours of operation, servicing patients via drive through or delivery service only, emergency refills, etc. For more information click here.</p> <p>Presently the Board did not report any other COVID-19 impacted changes.</p>
AZ	The Board has released a COVID-19 FAQ which it will continuously update as situations change. The FAQ contains information on resources, emergency statues and rules (i.e., emergency refill dispensing, temporary recognition of nonresident pharmacist licensure, etc.). For more information click here .
CA	<p>Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency March 4, 2020, to help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Board in its authority may waive certain provisions of Pharmacy Law regulations if in its opinion said waiver will aid in the protection of the public health or the provision of patient care. Determinations such as this may be made at the discretion of the Board president for a period of up to 30 days. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Board released guidance on compounding hand sanitizer to meet demand during the pandemic. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Board released the following guidance on its policy waivers:</p> <p>Waivers to General Pharmacy Law</p> <p>Business and Professions Code section 4059.5 Waive the signature requirement for the receipt of the delivery of drugs as required in BPC 4059.5 under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delivery personnel confirm that the employee accepting the delivery is a pharmacist. 2. The delivery personnel input the pharmacist's name and license number conveyed to them by the pharmacist directly into their signature capture device in lieu of the pharmacist physically signing the tablet as part of the delivery process.

	<p>Note: This waiver applies only to the signature requirement for the pharmacist accepting delivery.</p> <p>Business and Professions Code sections 4068(a)(1), 4068(a)(5), and 4068(a)(6) Waive provisions related to the prohibition against a prescriber to dispensing medications to an emergency room patient if the medication dispensed is a short-acting or long-acting bronchodilator.</p> <p>Business and Professions Code sections 4182(a) & (b)/BPC 4192(a) & (b) Waive the requirement for a consulting pharmacist to perform quarterly visits to a clinic under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The consulting pharmacist, using his or her professional judgment, determines that the quarterly inspection is not required during the declared emergency. When making such a determination, it may be appropriate to consider prior consultation report findings, potential impact to patients receiving care in the clinic, etc. 2. A consulting pharmacist performs a desk audit of the clinic's procedures and records in lieu of the visit. 3. A consulting pharmacist generates a report outlining any findings resulting from the desk audit and provides that report to the professional director or his or her designee. 4. The consultant receives confirmation to his or her satisfaction, that the corrections outlined in the findings of the audit have been made. <p>Waivers Related Specifically to Compounding</p> <p>Business and Professions Code section 4126.8 Waive USP <797> requirements related to the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as related to Business and Professions Code section 4126.8, in that a PPE masks and gowns may be reused by staff performing sterile compounding under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pharmacist-in-charge has made a determination that the current and potential stock of PPE on hand is insufficient to maintain the single-use provisions established in USP 797. 2. The pharmacy has developed a policy that details the conditions under which PPE may be reused. Such policies shall be consistent with standards of practice used during emergency situations. 3. Documented training on the policy is provided to all staff. 4. Master formulas are evaluated to determine if changes are necessary to the criteria for establishing beyond-use dating. 5. Surface sampling schedule was reviewed for the possible need to increase the frequency. 6. Documentation is maintained indicating the duration of time the pharmacy is operating under the waiver approval.
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	<p>Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1751.5(a)(5) Waive 16 CCR section 1751.5(a)(5) to allow for hand cleaning with the use of non-persistent activity alcohol sanitizer prior to donning sterile gloves.</p> <p>Additional waivers regarding remote processing were released:</p> <p>Waiver of Remote Processing Provisions in Business and Professions Code Section 4071.1(a) in Response to COVID-19</p> <p>For the purposes of this waiver, “remote processing” means the entering of an order or prescription into a computer from outside of the pharmacy or hospital for a licensed pharmacy as defined in Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 4029 and 4037.</p> <p>In addition to the provisions of BPC section 4071.1(a), pharmacists performing remote processing may also receive, interpret, evaluate, clarify, and approve medication orders and prescriptions, including medication orders and prescriptions for controlled substances classified in Schedule II, III, IV or V. Under this waiver, remote processing may also include order entry, other data entry, performing prospective drug utilization review, interpreting clinical data, insurance processing, performing therapeutic interventions, providing drug information services, and authorizing release of medication for administration. The waiver does not include the dispensing of a drug or final product verification by remote processing.</p> <p>Further, this waiver expands the provisions of BPC section 4071.1(a) to allow for remote processing by pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns to include nondiscretionary tasks, including prescription or order entry, other data entry, and insurance processing of prescriptions and medication orders for which supervision by a pharmacist is provided using remote supervision via technology that, at a minimum, ensures a pharmacist is (1) readily available to answer questions of a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician; and (2) verify the work performed by the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician.</p> <p>Pharmacy and Pharmacist Remote Processing Waiver Conditions</p> <p>Pharmacists are permitted to conduct remote processing as permitted by this waiver if in compliance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pharmacist must be a California-licensed pharmacist who either processes medication orders or prescriptions from a remote site or on the premises of a California-licensed pharmacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A California-licensed pharmacy may allow staff to engage in remote processing provided the pharmacy has policies and procedures that outline the authorized functions to be performed. Policies and procedures must include methods for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of patient information and must expressly prohibit the printing or storage of protected health information on a device that is outside of the licensed pharmacy. Such policies must be readily retrievable and provided to the board upon request (i.e. be able to be produced within three business days of request). • A pharmacy utilizing remote processing shall ensure that all pharmacists providing such services have been trained on the pharmacy’s policies and procedures relating to medication order, prescription processing, and remote supervision via technology that, at a minimum, ensures a pharmacist is (1) readily available to answer questions of a
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	<p>pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician; and (2) verify the work performed by the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pharmacy must ensure that any pharmacist performing remote processing shall have secure electronic access to the pharmacy's patient information system and to other electronic systems that an on-site pharmacist has access to when the pharmacy is • Each remote entry record must comply with all record keeping requirements for pharmacies, including capturing the positive identification of the pharmacist involved in the remote review and verification of a medication order or prescription. • A pharmacy utilizing remote processing is responsible for maintaining records of all medication orders and prescriptions entered into the pharmacy's information system. <p>Pharmacy Intern and Pharmacy Technician Remote Processing Waiver Conditions</p> <p>Pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians are permitted to conduct nondiscretionary tasks related to remote processing as permitted by the waiver if in compliance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician who either enters medication orders or prescriptions from a remote site or on the premises of a California-licensed pharmacy must be licensed by the Board. • A pharmacy utilizing remote processing shall ensure that all pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians providing such services have been trained on the pharmacy's policies and procedures relating to medication order or prescription processing and remote supervision via technology that, at a minimum, ensures a pharmacist is (1) readily available to answer questions of a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician; and (2) verify the work performed by the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician. • A pharmacy shall ensure that any pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician performing remote processing shall have secure electronic access to the pharmacy's patient information system and to other electronic systems to which an on-site pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician has access when the pharmacy is open. • Each remote entry record must comply with all record keeping requirements for pharmacies. • A pharmacy utilizing remote processing is responsible for maintaining records of all medication orders and prescriptions entered into the pharmacy's information system.
CO	The Board did not report any COVID-19 impacted changes.
CT	The Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy operates within the Department of Consumer Protection. DCP employees will no longer be at 450 Columbus Blvd. They ask that no mail is sent and instead online services or email is utilized. Phone lines will have limited support, and voicemails will be returned when possible.
DC	The Board did not report any COVID-19 impacted changes.
DE	The Board did not report any COVID-19 impacted changes.
FL	<p>Governor Ron DeSantis declared a State of Emergency on March 9, 2020. Under this pharmacists under their own professional judgment may refill prescriptions early and may dispense up to a 30-day supply of maintenance medication for chronic conditions provided certain circumstances are met. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Department of Health and the Board of Pharmacy has a Business Continuity and Disaster Preparedness Plan in place. Details of this plan are not available. For information</p>

	the most up to date information as well as Executive Orders that have been issued, please visit the Department of Health's website here .
GA	<p>The Board developed an emergency policy and statement which addresses emergency refill dispensing of prescriptions (excluding controlled substances), temporary recognition of non-resident licensure, and temporary pharmacy facilities. For additional information click here.</p> <p>The Board takes the position that compounding of hand sanitizer gel is permitted given that the components are all over-the-counter products. For more information click here.</p>
HI	<p>Due to the State actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 many examinations are not being administered. For more information click here.</p> <p>Pearson Vue has closed all of its testing sites due to COVID-19. Those who were scheduled to sit for the Pharmacist exam will be able to reschedule. For more information click here.</p>
IA	<p>The Board recognizes that there may be limitations in the supply chain of protective garbing supplies. This guidance from the Board is intended to offer recommendations and strategies to conserve protective garb while maintaining the highest level of containment and limiting exposure of compounded sterile products to contaminants.</p> <p>Engaging some of these recommendations may result in being out of compliance with USP Chapter 795, 797, and 800. The Board will exercise enforcement discretion during this time of limited supplies IF your pharmacy can demonstrate it complied with best practices during a period of documented supply limitations. Pharmacies that choose to implement these recommendations should maintain a policy demonstrating compliance with best practices (e.g., if reusing face masks, you must develop a policy and procedure for identification, storage, and handling of face masks subject to reuse). For more information click here.</p> <p>The Iowa Boards of Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing and Medicine announced today, March 20, that its offices at 400 SW 8th Street in Des Moines, will be closed to the public until further notice. Board business will continue to be conducted even though public access to the building is restricted. Board of Pharmacy questions can be directed to amanda.woltz@iowa.gov.</p>
ID	The Board released a licensing and pharmacy related FAQ re: COVID-19. This includes information on immediate 30-day licensure and registration while paperwork is processed; those with licenses in other states can work without ID licensure for the period of a declared emergency with proof from their home state. For more information click here .
IL	The Board did not report any COVID-19 impacted changes but did state that the declaration is valid for 30 days. Licensees and registrants are encouraged to contact the board of pharmacy as COVID-19 related challenges emerge and each situation will be reviewed and given consideration.
IN	The State is considering a waiver for the 120 requirement on renewals but there is no firm guidance on this yet. Currently all boards and commissions are continued for at least 90 days.

	<p>The Professional Licensing Agency will have the majority of its staff working remotely in the coming weeks. While routine operations of the agency will continue, please note that there may be disruptions or delays in the processing of your requests. The Agency encourages the use of email and scanned documents.</p>
KS	<p>The Board offices will close from March 21st-April 5th, 2020. During this time only emergency support will be provided to licensees. The Board plans to reopen on April 6th, 2020 but will continue to be closed to walk-in customers and drop-offs. Additionally, the Board will be working with a reduced staff. The Board <u>does not</u> plan to make any changes to services offered, renewals or applications. For more information click here.</p> <p>A memo released by the Board on COVID-19 can be found here.</p>
KY	<p>Governor Andy Beshear declared a state of emergency pursuant to KRS 39A.100 on March 6, 2020 after the first confirmed case of coronavirus in Kentucky.</p> <p>Please see KRS 315.500, 201 KAR 2:330 and 201 KAR 2:175 for pharmacist guidance.</p> <p>The Board has cancelled all March meetings.</p> <p>The Board has released an FAQ which it will continuously update as the current situation evolves. The FAQ includes information on pharmacy hours, remote work, prescription refills, etc. For more information click here.</p>
LA	<p>The Board of Drug and Device Distributors indicated that currently there are not changes to the Board's administrative office procedures. Valid licenses currently expire 12/31/2020; the next renewal period is 10/1 – 12/31/2020.</p> <p>The Board office is temporarily closed to visitors.</p> <p>Gov. Edwards issued Proclamation No. 25 JBE 2020: Public Health Emergency – COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; it shall remain in effect through April 9, 2020 unless terminated sooner. This pertains to emergency refills, compounding of sterile preparations, etc. For more information click here.</p>
MA	<p>Pharmacists may process patient-specific prescriptions remotely in accordance with this Board policy. Although the policy only addresses pharmacists, the Board is actively working on remote processing guidance for pharmacy technicians and interns.</p> <p>Massachusetts has issued a statement on compounding OTC hand sanitizer. For more information click here.</p>
MD	<p>COVID-19 elevated level II status has been declared in Maryland and as a result the building located at 4201 Patterson Avenue is closed to the public. For all inquiries please contact the Board of Pharmacy by phone at (410) 764-4755 or (800) 542-4964 (Maryland Only) , or (800) 735-2258 TTY for the Deaf or email at MDH.MDBOP@maryland.gov.</p> <p>The Board issued guidance on COVID-19 which provides information on remote processing, refills, sterile compounding, etc.</p> <p>Some information related to license extensions and reciprocity is as follows:</p>

	<p>Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Governor Hogan on March 12, 2020, all licenses, registrations, and permits issued by the Board set to expire during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency shall be extended to the 30th day after the date the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded. No late fees or reinstatement fees will be imposed during this time period. To the extent it is able, the Board will accept and continue to process renewal applications during the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.</p> <p>The Board will not take enforcement action based on expired or inactive CPR certifications held by pharmacists registered to administer vaccinations if the CPR certification becomes inactive or expires during the state of emergency. Upon the termination of the state of emergency, the Board will allow affected pharmacists 30 days to update their live CPR certification.</p> <p>Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Governor Hogan on March 16, 2020, any pharmacist or pharmacy technician actively licensed in another state or with an expired license or registration issued by the Board may be able to work in a health care facility (the definition of which does NOT include a pharmacy) in Maryland under certain circumstances.</p> <p>The Board will not impose the 30-day notice requirement associated with a change of business hours for a permitted pharmacy or wholesale distributor pursuant to COMAR 10.34.30.05(A). The Board will instead require advanced notice as soon as practicable if an establishment location is forced to change its hours or temporarily close. Please note that all other requirements still apply, such as notice to patients, transfer of prescriptions, and documentation of transfers of any drug inventory.</p> <p>For more information click here.</p>
ME	The Maine Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance for pharmacies on compounding over the counter hand sanitizer. For more information click here .
MI	The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is transitioning its staff to remote work and cannot accept phone calls at the present time. They ask that email is used and to please submit all questions to BPLHelp@michigan.gov . Also, when given the option, they strongly encourage you to send documents needed for licensure to BPLData@michigan.gov and avoid using U.S. Mail. For disciplinary matters submit documentation or make inquiries related to disciplinary actions to BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov .
MN	<p>The Board has issued a COVID-19 FAQ to try and address the influx of questions they are receiving.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no minimum hourly threshold that pharmacies must remain open. Remote work to the extent it is possible is encouraged. 2. If any pharmacies are closing proper notifications should take place. 3. The Board's delivery rule (6800.300, subp. 1) has additional requirements when a filled prescription is delivered to a patient's workplace (or caregiver's place of business – for example a parent's workplace if the patient is a child). The rule

	<p>requires that filled prescriptions be delivered directly to the patient or caregiver of the patient. Until further notice, the Board will waive that requirement and allow a prescription to be dropped off at a central location at the workplace – provided that the patient or caregiver has given at least verbal authorization to do so.</p> <p>A notable update from the Board in their evolving FAQ document is as follows:</p> <p>For emergency situations, the Board has previously allowed pharmacies located in another state, but not licensed by the Board, to mail or deliver filled prescriptions to one of their patients who is temporarily in Minnesota. Those situations have involved the mailing or delivery of a limited number of prescriptions for a limited period of time. The Board will allow this for COVID-19 related reasons.</p> <p>For more information click here.</p>
MO	<p>A COVID-19 related statement on pharmacy practices was issued by the Board. For more information click here.</p> <p>The Board is offering a webinar on COVID-19 on Monday, March 23rd at noon. Click here to register.</p> <p>Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, certain provisions of Missouri law are being waived during the State of Emergency related to pharmacy such as emergency dispensing, sterile compounding, reciprocity for pharmacists, etc. For more information click here.</p>
MS	<p>Mississippi passed a resolution permitting pharmacists to provide a one-time emergency refill of the prescribed non-controlled medication in the event that the pharmacist is unable to obtain a refill authorization from the prescriber. This effective during a state of emergency declared in Mississippi or upon the authorization of the President of the Board during a state of emergency in a nearby State. More information can be found here. Mississippi declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 on March 14, 2020.</p> <p>As of March 17, 2020, officers at the Board of Pharmacy are closed and email is recommended.</p> <p>As of March 18, 2020, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy made the following decision regarding Schedule II prescribing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call in prescriptions for CII drugs are allowed at this time. 2. The normal 48-hour rule has been waived and is now up to a 30-day limit. 3. Pharmacists will need to receive a hard copy of the prescription within 7 days of the called in prescription. 4. This rule is only in effect during the Governor’s Declaration of the State of Emergency. 5. It is recommended that this should only be used in an absolute emergency when a written or electronic prescription may not be obtained. Because of the strict requirement

	<p>of the 7-day hard copy prescription, there could be major issues with the DEA if this is not followed.</p> <p>6. Pharmacists are expected to use professional judgment. There is NO requirement to fill any prescription that you determine should not be filled.</p> <p>Click here for more information.</p>
MT	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
NC	<p>North Carolina issued a state of emergency because of COVID-19 on March 10, 2020. Licensing requirements for out-of-state health care personnel are waived in North Carolina in order to provide health care services within the Emergency Area.</p> <p>On March 17, 2020, the Board permitted pharmacists and pharmacies to use remote work technology in order to mitigate risk of COVID-19. Waiver information for remote work technology can be found here.</p> <p>The Board issued guidance regarding potential compounding garbs shortages. Pharmacies may encounter limitations in the supply chain for protective garbing supplies. Board staff has assembled a guidance document that offers strategies to conserve protective garb, while also maintaining an appropriate level of containment and limiting exposure of compounded sterile products to contaminants. Click here for guidance.</p>
ND	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
NE	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
NH	<p>Due to the current State of Emergency around the COVID-19 Health Advisory, all board and licensing business is being done electronically via email at this time. Please do not call the office or any board phone listed on this page at this time. Please email pharmacy.licensing@oplcnh.gov and your inquiry will be responded to as soon as possible during normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.</p>
NJ	<p>New Jersey Board of Pharmacy released guidance for pharmacies that can be found here. If a pharmacy is not able to continue to operate their business in a manner that allows it to adhere to the Board's regulations and to provide services to its patients due to an issue related to COVID-19, that pharmacy should contact the Board. Depending on each individual situation, the pharmacy may be able to request a temporary waiver of a specific regulation that would allow them to provide continuity of care for their patients. Emails should be sent to the Executive Director via email at rubinaccioa@dca.njoag.gov.</p> <p>Temporary waivers may be offered for use of personal protective equipment as a proactive measure to conserve supplies, changes in hours of operation waivers may be permitted. Pharmacists will not be required to obtain the signature of a patient or caregiver when counseling was provided or refused. Early refills and relaxed delivery protocols may also be in effect. Please see guidance for additional information and notification requirements.</p>
NM	New Mexico Boards and Commissions Division is suspending requirements for Continuing Education during COVID-19 for licenses expiring through July 31, 2020. Click here for more information.

NV	<p>Nevada Board of Pharmacy is granting waiver requests after the Governor declared a state of emergency after COVID-19. The Board may waive any of the requirements set forth in any of the regulations governing the practice of pharmacy. The Board will consider waivers if it will aid in the protection of the public health or the provision of patient care. Additional information regarding the waiver can be found here.</p> <p>In order to help contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy has closed its offices to the public and will be operating with essential personnel only until further notice. Please be advised that it may take longer than usual to receive a response. If you need to contact the Board for any reason, please email pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov.</p> <p>The Board has temporarily authorized the practice of remote order entry for all licensed/registered pharmacy personnel (pharmacists, intern pharmacists, and pharmaceutical technicians). The guidance can be accessed here.</p>
NY	<p>Pharmacy examination review sessions that were scheduled for April 3 and April 8 have been postponed until further notice.</p>
OH	<p>Ohio Department of Health issued a checklist for Pharmacies in preparation for COVID-19. The checklist can be found here.</p> <p>The Board of Pharmacy is closed to the public and is working remotely.</p> <p>The Board is allowing for remote order entry for all licensed pharmacy personnel. The Board also authorized the compounding and sale of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products by Ohio-licensed pharmacies and outsourcing facilities. Reuse of certain personal protective equipment is also now permitted. The Board's recent guidance can be found here.</p> <p>Pharmacists are no longer permitted to administer immunizations or other injections without standard protective measures. More information can be found here.</p>
OK	<p>Waivers for compliance and licensing requirements are being granted if they further the public interest. Waiver can be found here.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19, all public access to the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy building will be restricted until further notice. You may still bring applications/documents to the office, however you will not be able to come further than the foyer</p> <p>During this time, the Board Office will have extremely limited staff on site. For expedited service, pharmacies and facilities located in Oklahoma should route all compliance questions to the appropriate compliance officer (Contact information can be found under "Board Staff" tab). For Non-Resident pharmacy/facility compliance questions, please email our office at pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov and your inquiry will be routed accordingly.</p>
OR	<p>Oregon declared a state of emergency. The Board of Pharmacy released an application for Temporary Pharmacy registration for in-state pharmacy locations. It is for the purposes of creating an alternative medication pick-up or dispensing location. Oregon registered drug outlets may employ pharmacies, interns, or pharmacy technicians who do not hold a</p>

	<p>license from the Oregon Board of Pharmacy under specified conditions. Additional information can be found by clicking here.</p> <p>Inactive Pharmacists may reactive their licenses under specified conditions. Click here for more information.</p>
PA	<p>The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs is currently not accepting walk-in customers and phone calls.</p> <p>Health care professionals from out-of-state are permitted to treat Pennsylvania residents using telemedicine. Guidance is found here.</p>
RI	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
SC	South Carolina Board of Pharmacy is expediting licensure during the public health emergency to ensure South Carolinians have access to all needed healthcare resources.
SD	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
TN	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
TX	Texas Board of Pharmacy has provided guidance on sterile compounding during COVID-19. This guidance can be found here .
UT	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
VA	Pharmacists may exercise professional judgment regarding dispensing early refills for Schedule VI drugs. For Schedule III-V, pharmacists may dispense a one-time early refill. Pharmacists may dispense a one-time early refill for Schedule II under specified conditions. Additional guidance can be found here .
VT	<p>The Office of Professional Regulation is allowing continuing education renewal extensions of up to 180 days in light of COVID-19. Click here for more information.</p> <p>Pharmacists may disregard individual fill quantities up to the total prescribed quantity or ninety days which occurs first. In a declaration of state of emergency remote consulting by a provider who has not had any prior relationship with a patient may be legitimate under specified conditions. Additional guidance issued by the Board of Pharmacy can be found here.</p>
WA	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
WI	Currently no scheduled changes or grace periods.
WV	<p>No waivers are being granted and renewals will be processed as usual; however, the Board has issued information on laws that may be relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic and can be found here.</p> <p>West Virginia Board of Pharmacy is not currently accepting paper applications/notices. Please use the online applications and provide necessary notices via the WVBOP email address (boardofpharmacy@wv.gov).</p>
WY	The Board believes the risk to most Wyoming residents remains low at this time. The Board has issued guidance regarding temporary pharmacy closures and use of garb in the event of shortage. The guidance can be found here .
Federal	The FDA released a policy for temporary compounding of alcohol-based sanitizer products during the pandemic. Click here for more information.

	<p>NABP is closely monitoring the effects of Coronavirus on exams, scheduled surveys and inspections, and the Annual Meeting. An update for members and customers can be viewed here.</p> <p>On March 16, 2020, the DEA released a COVID-19 Information Page on the Diversion Control Divisions Web Site. This page contains important guidance concerning COVID-19 and the national drug supply, electronic prescribing of controlled substances, telemedicine, medicated assisted treatment, and other important federal and state information. For more information click here.</p> <p>Direct all policy questions concerning COVID-19 to the Policy email box at Natural.Disaster@usdoj.gov.</p> <p>NABP is working closely with Pearson VUE to safely handle the NAPLEX, MPJE and FPGE exams. Information regarding testing centers can be found here.</p> <p>The FDA is postponing most foreign facility inspections until April and any inspections outside the U.S. considered “critical” will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All eligible FDA employees are being directed to begin teleworking. Additionally, all domestic and routine facility inspections are being postponed. Again, anything considered “critical” will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Per the DEA’s updates on the current COVID-19 situation telemedicine may now be used under the conditions outlined in Title 21, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 802(54)(D) meaning although a prescription for a controlled substance issued by means of the Internet (including telemedicine) must usually be predicated on an in-person medical evaluation (21 U.S.C. 829(e)), the Controlled Substances Act contains certain exceptions to this requirement, one of which being public health emergencies.</p>
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