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GUIDANCE FOR USE OF PPE BY COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”) is aware and concerned about shortages of garbing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and alcohol-based hand sanitizers due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Department recommends following guidelines issued by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP):

- USP Response to Shortages of Garb and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Sterile Compounding During COVID-19 Pandemic:

<https://www.usp.org/sites/default/files/usp/document/about/public-policy/usp-covid19-garb-and-ppe.pdf>

- Compounding Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19 Pandemic:

<https://www.usp.org/sites/default/files/usp/document/about/public-policy/usp-covid19-handrub.pdf>



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DISPENSING GUIDANCE FOR PHARMACISTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation reminds all pharmacists that, pursuant to 68 Ill Admin. Code 1330.500(f), a pharmacist may use their professional judgment, after screening for potential drug therapy problems, to determine whether to dispense a prescribed drug if there are National or State emergencies or guidelines affecting availability, usage or supplies of drugs; unavailability of a drug; or a potentially fraudulent prescription.

The Department further reminds pharmacies to check the FDA's website for any information regarding the emergency use of chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate; link to the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization Letter:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136534/download>.

To file a complaint against any of the Department's licensees go to www.IDFPR.com



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GUIDANCE FOR PHARMACIES FOR REMOTE PROCESSING DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Whereas, pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/7), the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (Executive Order 2020-10) in which he ordered all individuals currently living in Illinois to stay at home or at their place of residence except as allowed in the Executive Order and to and to abide by social distancing requirements for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation;

Therefore, pursuant to 225 ILCS 85/25.10 (c) which states: "Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an individual employee licensed as a pharmacist from accessing the employer pharmacy's database from a pharmacist's home or other remote location or home verification for the purpose of performing certain prescription processing functions, provided that the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records," the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation recommends pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists may process prescriptions from a remote location under the supervision of a pharmacist provided that the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records.



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PHARMACY DELIVERY GUIDANCE DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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Therefore, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation recommends that pharmacies offer delivery service to deliver the prescription drug order to a patient or patient's representative in a home or institution by an authorized agent of the pharmacy or by common carrier. A pharmacy must have the patient's consent before delivering a prescription drug order to the patient.