

Waivers Issued by Board Extended Beyond End of COVID-19 State of Emergency

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced the [State of Emergency](#) declared in California on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic – and associated Executive Orders [N-39-20](#) and [N-75-20](#) – will end on February 28, 2023.

Under its own authority, the Board has been approving waivers pursuant to authority provided in Business and Professions Code [section 4062](#). As provided in this section of the law, the Board may elect to continue to waive application of any provisions for up to 90 days following termination of the declared emergency.

The California State Board of Pharmacy currently has five active Pharmacy Law waivers. [These waivers](#) are set to expire May 28, 2023 and are posted under “[COVID-19 Information](#)” on the Board’s [website](#):

- [Prescriber Dispensing of COVID-19 Antiviral Medication to an Emergency Room Patient \(including BPC sections 4068\(a\)\(1\), 4068\(a\)\(5\), 4068\(a\)\(6\), 4076.5, and 4427.2\(a\)\)](#)
- [Mass Vaccination Sites](#)
- [Remote Processing \(BPC section 4071.1\(a\)\)](#)
- [Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Intern Pharmacists and General Supervision and Interprofessional Supervision - Immunizations - BPC section 4114](#)
- [Prescriber Dispensing Medication to Emergency Room Patient \(BPC sections 4068\(a\)\(1\), 4068\(a\)\(5\) and 4068\(a\)\(6\)\)](#)

In addition, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) currently has four active waivers related to pharmacy licensees, which also are posted under “[COVID-19 Information](#)” on the Board’s website. These waivers will expire February, 28, 2023.

- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacists Independently Initiating and Furnishing Paxlovid to Individual Patients](#)
- [Order Waiving Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacies, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Ordering, Collecting Specimens for, and Performing COVID-19 Tests](#)

Please check the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov, for any updates. More detailed information about the end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency also is available in the Governor’s [press release](#).

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