COVID-19 State of Emergency Ends February 28, 2023

On October 17, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the State of Emergency and associated Executive Orders N-39-20 and N-75-20 will end February 28, 2023. Upon the State of Emergency ending, active waivers that were issued under the authority of the State of Emergency and Executive Orders will also expire.

The California State Board of Pharmacy currently has four active Pharmacy Law waivers. These waivers 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

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:

- 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 for any future updates.

Read the Governor’s press release for more detailed information about the end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

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