

From: Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
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Subject: Emergency Waivers to Expire; Important Updates



## Board of Pharmacy

Please review these important updates which will result from the expiration of the Governor's State of Emergency.

### **Emergency Waivers**

The Governor's State of Emergency is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021 and as a result the [emergency waivers](#) previously implemented by the Board of Pharmacy will expire. Please resume full compliance with current State laws and regulations as of July 1, 2021.

### **Vaccines**

Because the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra [extended](#) the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) for an additional 90 days, pharmacists may continue to order and administer or direct pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns to administer [vaccines in accordance with the federal PREP Act](#) until the federal PHE expires, which is set for July 20, 2021. It is unknown at this time if the federal PHE will be further extended.

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns may also continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines pursuant to the [Health Commissioner's COVID-19 standing order](#) until it expires on June 30, 2021, when Virginia's state of emergency expires. Actions are underway to potentially extend the Commissioner's standing order under a separate authority. Final actions on this subject will be communicated electronically either by the Board of Pharmacy or Virginia Department of Health as soon as possible.

### **COVID-19 Tests**

Pharmacists may continue to perform CLIA-waived tests under current law. [COVID-19 tests](#) that are CLIA-waived may continue to be performed in accordance with the federal PREP Act.

The Board sincerely appreciates your continued efforts to safely and effectively provide patient care during these unprecedented times.

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