Board of Pharmacy Update

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BOARD OF PHARMACY UPDATE

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COVID-19 QUESTIONS

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COVID-19 Information and Updates

Submit COVID-19 Questions

COVID-19 FAQs updated 4/23/20 (as situations progress, the FAQ will continue to change and be revised). Please check the ASBP website for updates.

Governor Ducey’s Executive Order - Expanding Access to Pharmacies (see updated FAQs)
Legislative Update

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Executive Order | 2020-36 (effective 5-16-20)

- EO 2020-18, 2020-24, and 2020-33 are expired and rescinded
- No county, city or town may make or issue any order, rule or regulation that conflicts with or is in addition to this policy.
- Business Requirements:

  Any business, whether for-profit or non-profit, institution, profession or entity that physically operates in this state and serves the public or is an employer shall develop, establish and implement policies based on guidance from the CDC, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and ADHS to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 including the following:
  a. Promoting healthy hygiene practices;
  b. Intensifying cleaning, disinfection and ventilation practices;
  c. Monitoring for sickness;
  d. Ensuring physical distancing;
  e. Providing necessary protective equipment;
  f. Allowing for and encouraging teleworking where feasible;
  g. Providing plans, where possible, to return to work in phases; and
  h. Limiting the congregation of groups of no more than 10 persons when feasible and in relation to the size of the location.
Governor Ducey Announces Next Phase Of Arizona Recovery

Arizona’s comprehensive efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health, include:

▪ Ramping up testing availability and frequency;
▪ Implementing tracking of key health metrics such as reported symptomatic cases and emergency room usage;
▪ Standing up surge hospital capacity to be used as needed;
▪ Expanding statewide contact tracing;
▪ Bolstering supply chains for PPE equipment for frontline medical workers and emergency responders;
▪ Implementing enhanced safety protocols to protect those living and working in high-risk facilities such as nursing homes;
▪ Providing public health guidance for businesses and individuals to ensure continued physical distancing.
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The Arizona Department of Health Services also released additional guidance for businesses and customers as more industries resume partial operations. This guidance includes reopening of the following on May 13th with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation:

- **Pools**: [GUIDANCE](#)
- **Gyms & Fitness Providers**: [GUIDANCE](#)
- **Spas**: [GUIDANCE](#)

While never formally closed, many **Places of Worship** opted to temporarily change or suspend services in order to follow physical distancing guidelines. As they resume operations, the Arizona Department of Health Services released [GUIDANCE](#) for enhanced physical distancing and safety precautions.
The Senate reconvened on May 8th and, after a lengthy floor discussion, approved a motion to adjourn the legislative session sine die by a 24-6 vote.

Although the House had announced on Wednesday its intent to return to the Capitol Speaker Bowers reversed course after a 3-hour meeting of his caucus and issued a statement declaring that the House would not return on Friday.

The Senate currently stands at an indefinite recess and its motion will not take effect until the House agrees and approves the motion.

Special Session?
JLBC is reporting more frequently on the state’s revenue performance and economic conditions.

- The preliminary revenue numbers are $268 million above what was projected in the April FAC meeting for the state’s four largest revenue categories; of that $104 million reflects higher-than-expected economic activity, while $164 million is associated with more than expected tax filers who are owed a refund waiting to file until July (so the expected revenue loss associated with refunds is just shifted to later months).

- JLBC does not believe these preliminary numbers warrant a revision to the $1.1 billion shortfall projection. JLBC also published some other key economic indicators that show the state’s initial claims for unemployment insurance to be up 1019.2% and AHCCCS enrollment to be up 4.3% from the period immediately before the shutdown.
# Arizona’s Economic Indicators

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1/ Data reported weekly
2/ Data reported monthly
3/ Data reported daily
4/ On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-09 ordering the closure of certain businesses to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which included bars, movie theatres, and restaurant dine-in services. The value presented in this column is the most recent data value prior to this executive order.

5/7/20
### Summary

Select a county to filter the other numbers. Deaths will not be shown for counties with fewer than three deaths.

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<td>Number of Cases</td>
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<td>Number of COVID-19 Tests</td>
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<td>Rate of cases, per 100,000 population</td>
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<td>Rate of fatalities, per 100,000 population</td>
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<td>New PCR Tests reported today*</td>
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<td>PCR Percent Positive**</td>
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<td>Total COVID-19 Serology Tests</td>
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<td>New Serology Tests reported today*</td>
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<td>Serology Percent Positive**</td>
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*Counts of new cases, deaths, and numbers tested reflect increases in the total numbers compared to the previous day.

**Percent positive is the number of people with a positive test result, out of all people with COVID-19 testing completed in AZ.
Testing By State Comparison

Where Each State Stands on Coronavirus Testing This Week

Increase in Statewide Testing, From 4/28 – 5/5, per 1,000 Population

- Orange: Less than 3
- Black: 3 - 4
- Blue: 4 - 5
- Mint Green: 5 - 7
- Light Blue: 7 - 10
- Light Gray: 10 - 15
- Green: More than 15

NOTE: Calculated using cumulative tests from 5/5, subtracting cumulative tests from 4/28.
The FDA granted the first emergency use authorization (EUA) allowing for at-home saliva sample collection for a coronavirus disease.

The EUA allows Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory to use its TaqPathSARS-CoV-2 Assay to test home collected saliva samples using the Spectrum Solutions saliva collection device.

While the test is authorized for at-home sample collection, a prescription is required
New Antigen Test Approved for POC Testing

- **Sofia 2 SARS Antigen Fluorescent Immunoassay (FIA).**
- Provides automated and objective results in **15 minutes** in POC settings allowing for testing of patients with suspected COVID-19.
- Healthcare professionals can purchase through their normal distribution channels.

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Pharmacies May Temporarily Enroll as Independent Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories

CMS issued new guidance that aims to help pharmacies and other suppliers that want to temporarily enroll in Medicare as independent clinical diagnostic laboratories during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Interested pharmacies and suppliers will have to apply for a (CLIA) certificate first in order to apply!
AzPA COVID-19 Testing Training Program

Part 1 covers:

• Video 1 | Intro
• Video 2 | CLIA
• Video 3 | Types of Tests (updated 5-12-20)
• Video 4 | Patient Assessment
• Video 5 | Specimen Collection
• Video 6 | POC tests (updated 5-12-20)
• Video 7 | Biohazard Waste
• Video 8 | Reporting Results
• Video 9 | Other Considerations

Part 2 will cover Billing in more detail once we have all of the info!
Remdesivir Allocation

- HHS announced that state health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals in their states.
  - Candidates for the donated drug must be on ventilators or who require supplemental oxygen due to room-air blood oxygen levels at or below 94%.
- Shipment #1 – went directly to the hospitals in the following states: Indiana (38 cases), Massachusetts (117 cases), New Jersey (94 cases), New York (565 cases), Rhode Island (30 cases), Tennessee (7 cases), and Virginia (33 cases).
  - May 7th additional cases of remdesivir were initiated to be delivered to the following states: Connecticut (30 cases), Illinois (140 cases), Iowa (10 cases), Maryland (30 cases), Michigan (40 cases) and New Jersey (110 cases).
- There are plans for cases to be delivered to all 50 states as well as territories, including the VA and IHS for distribution within those health systems.

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# Release from Isolation Guidance

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*Stay at home or under isolation precautions until at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since resolution of fever (including fever, chills, rigors, and body/muscle aches) without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (including cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell). [If the date of symptom onset is unknown, then use the date of COVID-19 test collection.]*

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†Consider getting a PCR test to help determine if you are currently infected or were previously exposed. Use a cloth face covering while outside the home for at least 10 days after the COVID-19 test specimen was collected and take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Healthcare personnel and first responders should wear a surgical mask while providing patient care for 10 days after the COVID-19 test specimen was collected.
There has been a “notable decrease” in pediatric vaccine orders across the U.S. since mid-March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) wrote in a recent report that highlighted how the coronavirus pandemic has affected vaccination rates in children across the country.

The CDC said that the drop might result in outbreaks for otherwise preventable viruses among children.

It will be important to communicate your protocols for keeping patients safe as you resume immunization services.
COVID-19 Vaccine

- AzPA is working with ADHS to ensure pharmacies are a part of the pandemic planning process.
- Vaccines will be allocated by CDC through each state health departments.
- Vaccine will be prioritized until supply increase to essential workers and high risk patients.
- AzPA will be offering more Immunization Certificate Program offerings this summer and early fall to ensure we get everyone trained who wants to be!
At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC recommended that healthcare systems prioritize urgent visits and delay elective care to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in healthcare settings.

A consequence of the pandemic has been the under-utilization of important medical services for patients with non-COVID-19-related urgent and emergent health needs.

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<th>Potential for patient harm</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Substantial community transmission</th>
<th>Minimal to moderate community transmission</th>
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<td>Highly likely Deferal of in-person care highly likely to result in patient harm</td>
<td>Signs/symptoms of stroke or heart attack</td>
<td>Large scale community transmission, including communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces)</td>
<td>Provide care without delay; consider if feasible to shift care to facilities less heavily affected by COVID-19.</td>
<td>Provide care without delay: consider if your facility can provide the patient’s care, rather than transferring them to a facility less affected by COVID-19.</td>
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<td>Less likely Deferal of in-person care may result in patient harm</td>
<td>Pediatric vaccinations</td>
<td>Change in symptoms for chronic conditions</td>
<td>If care cannot be delivered remotely, arrange for in-person care as soon as feasible with priority for at-risk populations. Utilize telehealth if appropriate.</td>
<td>Provide care without delay while resuming regular care practices.</td>
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*Ensure that all telehealth services are secure and confidential.*
COVID-19
Literature Surveillance Team

Stay informed. Read less. Do More.

We are an affiliated group of medical students, PhDs, physicians and other passionate individuals. We keep up with the latest research on COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2, find the newest articles, read them, grade their level of evidence, and bring you the bottom line. Our goal is to empower you to take the best care of yourself and those in your care.

LATEST REPORT

May 11 | Daily COVID-19 LST Report

A retrospective imaging study of 749 COVID-19...
CDC Resource

Clinician On-Call Center

The Clinician On-Call Center is a 24-hour hotline with trained CDC clinicians standing by to answer COVID-19 questions from healthcare personnel on a wide range of topics, such as diagnostic challenges, clinical management, and infection prevention and control. To reach this service, call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) and ask for the Clinician On-Call Center. Learn more [1 page].
Upcoming CE & Events

AzPA Psychiatric Certificate Program
June 11, 2020 | Virtual

Southwestern States Residency Conference
June 12, 2020 | Virtual

APHA Pharmacy-Based Cardiovascular Disease Risk Management Certificate Program
June 11, 2020 | Virtual

PHARMACY-BASED TRAVEL HEALTH SERVICES
June 14, 2020 | Virtual

AzPA 2020 Annual Convention
October 2 - 4, 2020
Phoenix, AZ

Creating Pharmacy Rockstars Through Education, Engagement and Resilience
Questions?

Note: we will continue to have weekly calls as long as there is new information to present.