

The California Pharmacists Association Board of Trustees (CPhA BOT) has released the following position statements in response to the current situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

PROTECTING PHARMACY PERSONNEL DURING PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

1. CPhA BOT strongly urges all employers of pharmacists and pharmacy personnel, and the settings in which they practice, to implement protection and control measures and procedures, and access to protective gear and cleaning supplies that ensure the safety of pharmacy personnel and that of their family members and the public.
2. CPhA BOT urges federal and state government officials, manufacturers, distributors, and health system administrators to recognize pharmacists and pharmacy personnel as "front-line providers" who should receive appropriate personal protective equipment and other resources to protect their personal safety and support their ability to continue to provide patient care.
3. CPhA BOT supports the right of pharmacy personnel to wear self-supplied PPE, including their own standard face masks or respirators, when, in their professional opinion, PPE supplied by the employer or healthcare organizations is inadequate or unavailable.

PHARMACEUTICAL SAFETY AND ACCESS DURING EMERGENCIES

1. CPhA BOT urges government authorities to hold pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesalers and other pharmaceutical supply distributors, and providers accountable to state and federal price gouging laws in selling those items to pharmacies, hospitals and other healthcare providers during times of local, state, or national emergency.
2. CPhA BOT urges government authorities to aggressively enforce laws and regulations against adulterated products and false and misleading claims by entities offering to sell pharmaceutical and medical products to healthcare providers and consumers.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

1. CPhA BOT urges the government authorities to allow ease operational barriers to address workforce and workflow Issues during emergencies.
2. CPhA BOT urges payors to reimburse for services delivered by pharmacists, if within the scope of practice and covered for other healthcare providers, and remove barriers to patient access to services, medications, testing, devices, and supplies during emergencies.

The California Pharmacists Association Board of Trustees has also taken the following actions in response to the current situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. CPhA staff are actively working with local, state, and federal agencies on behalf of California pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, intern pharmacists, and all pharmacy personnel.
2. CPhA staff are actively working with the California Board of Pharmacy to advocate for necessary waivers behalf of California pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, intern pharmacists, and all pharmacy personnel.
3. CPhA has convened a COVID-19 Taskforce comprised of experts in infectious disease, public health, community pharmacy, health-systems pharmacy, and government affairs in order to provide recommendations and resources to the CPhA BOT, staff, and California pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, intern pharmacists, and all pharmacy personnel.

For more information about the CPhA response and actions, as well as for information about COVID-19, please visit [cpha.com/covid19](https://www.cpha.com/covid19).