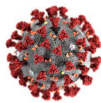


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State of IL COVID -19 Response
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Disaster Declaration

Overview

JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety issued Governorial Disaster Proclamation in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

Disaster Proclamation was issued to assist Illinois agencies in coordinating State and Federal resources, including the Strategic National Stockpile of medicines and protective equipment, **to support local governments in preparation for any action that may be necessary related to the potential impact of COVID-19 in the State of Illinois.**

Source: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/> <https://www.sfr.com/COVID-19.asp>

Dates Executive Orders issued

3-12-2020
4-02-2020
4-30-2020
5-29-2020
6-26-2020
7-24-2020
8-21-2020
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55 Executive Orders Related to COVID-19

Executive Order Number 23 (Example)

THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. During the duration of the Governorial Disaster Proclamations, the requirement in the Department of Professional Regulation Law, 20 ILCS 2105-400, and its accompanying regulations, authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to take certain actions to increase the number of licensed professionals responding to the disaster is suspended to the extent it limits the Secretary's authority to those persons working under the direction of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to a declared disaster by the Governor. The requirement that the Secretary shall only exercise this authority "in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health" remains in effect. In exercising this authority, the Secretary shall work closely with the Director of the Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Public Health to ensure any impacted licensed professionals are aiding in the response to the disaster.

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JB Pritzker
JB Pritzker, Governor

Source: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/> <https://www.sfr.com/COVID-19.asp>

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Measures to Assist Licensees and Education Providers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation **announced several proactive measures to help professional licensees and education providers in light of the challenges confronting all Illinoisans during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Recognizing the limitation of in-person course availability and to further reduce contact between individuals, the Department has issued a series of variances that provide relief from the provisions of certain Administrative Rules pertaining to license renewal terms and to continuing education requirements. The five Variances may be found **here.** **Any professional licenses issued by the Department that have renewal dates between March 1, 2020 through and including July 31, 2020 are granted an automatic extension to renew to September 30, 2020.** Additionally, all current licensees under the Department's jurisdiction whose license renewal deadlines fall within the period beginning March 1, 2020 through and including July 31, 2020 shall have up to, and including, **September 30, 2020 to complete their continuing education coursework....**

Source: <https://comconnect.illinois.gov/it/>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>.

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Proclamation: Modifying Professional License and Certification Statutes for Certain Out-of-State Professions

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PROCLAMATION TO INVOKE EMERGENCY POWERS TO MODIFY PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION STATUTES AND REGULATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST, CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, AND PHARMACISTS TO **PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, SCREENING, AND TREATMENT, AND ANY HEALTH RELIEF NECESSARY TO CARE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, HOSPITALS, PROGRAMS, CERTIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER FACILITIES AS DIRECTED BY IEMA AND IDPH**

Source: <https://comconnect.illinois.gov/it/>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>.

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Guideline: Prescriber Guidelines During COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

.....While authorized healthcare providers may prescribe any FDA-approved medication, even for "off-label" uses, the **Department is concerned that some of this alleged behavior may violate the various practice acts of the professions involved.**

.....The Department wants to **remind all authorized prescribers that there are currently no approved or recognized outpatient treatments or prophylactic regimes for COVID-19.** Selfprescribing or prescribing to family or friends must be consistent with the standard of care and ethical standards of the relevant profession, including the existence of a **provider-patient relationship;** appropriate clinical indications for the medication, dosage, and amount prescribed; and maintenance of proper medical records.

Source: <https://comconnect.illinois.gov/it/>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>.

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Guidance For Pharmacies Regarding Remote Processing During COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

..... the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (Executive Order 2020-10) in which he ordered all individuals currently living in Illinois to stay at home or at their place of residence except as allowed in the Executive Order and to and to abide by social distancing requirements for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation; Therefore, pursuant to 225 ILCS 85/25.10 (c) which states:

"Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an individual employee licensed as a pharmacist from accessing the employer pharmacy's database from a pharmacist's home or other remote location or home verification for the purpose of performing certain prescription processing functions, provided that the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records," the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation **recommends pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists may process prescriptions from a remote location under the supervision of a pharmacist provided that the pharmacy establishes controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records.**

Source: <https://comconnect.illinois.gov/it/>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>.

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Guidance: For Use of PPE by Compounding Pharmacies During COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

GUIDANCE FOR USE OF PPE BY COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department") is aware and concerned about shortages of garbing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and alcohol-based hand sanitizers due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Department recommends following guidelines issued by the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP):

- USP Response to Shortages of Garb and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Sterile Compounding During COVID-19 Pandemic:
<https://www.usp.org/sites/default/files/usp/document/about/public-policy/usp-covid19-garb-and-ppe.pdf>
- Compounding Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19 Pandemic:
<https://www.usp.org/sites/default/files/usp/document/about/public-policy/usp-covid19-handrub.pdf>

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/covid19>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>

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DISPENSING GUIDANCE FOR PHARMACISTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Reminded all pharmacists, a pharmacist may use their professional judgment, after screening for potential drug therapy problems, to determine whether to dispense a prescribed drug if there are National or State emergencies or guidelines affecting availability, usage or supplies of drugs; unavailability of a drug; or a potentially fraudulent prescription. The Department further reminded pharmacies to check the FDA's website for any information regarding the emergency use of chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate for the medication, dosage, and amount prescribed; and maintenance of proper medical records.

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/covid19>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>

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Guidance For Pharmacists Regarding Dispensing During COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

DISPENSING GUIDANCE FOR PHARMACISTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation reminds all pharmacists that, pursuant to 68 Ill Admin. Code 1330.500(f), a pharmacist may use their professional judgment, after screening for potential drug therapy problems, to determine whether to dispense a prescribed drug if there are National or State emergencies or guidelines affecting availability, usage or supplies of drugs; unavailability of a drug; or a potentially fraudulent prescription.

The Department further reminds pharmacies to check the FDA's website for any information regarding the emergency use of chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate; link to the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization Letter:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136534/download>.

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/covid19>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>

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Guidance For Pharmacies Regarding Delivery During COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

....Whereas, the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (Executive Order 2020-10) in which he ordered all individuals currently living in Illinois to stay at home or at their place of residence except as allowed in the Executive Order and to abide by social distancing requirements for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation; **Therefore, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation recommends that pharmacies offer delivery service to deliver the prescription drug order to a patient or patient's representative in a home or institution by an authorized agent of the pharmacy or by common carrier.** A pharmacy must have the patient's consent before delivering a prescription drug order to the patient.

Source: <https://www.fda.gov/covid19>, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>

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Guidance: Information for Healthcare Providers using Telehealth Services in Illinois

On March 19, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-9 on telehealth services (**Executive Order to Expand Telehealth Services and Protect Health Care Providers in Response to COVID-19**). The Executive Order recognized that "the CDC, taking note of a need to reduce unnecessary healthcare visits and prevent transmission of respiratory viruses at healthcare facilities, currently recommends that healthcare providers **increase the use of telehealth systems, formal or otherwise, to access and care for patients** to decrease the volume of persons seeking care in facilities." The Executive Order further noted the need to "take measures to ensure the provision and coverage of health care services while the public and health care providers are subject to quarantine." **The Department interprets Executive Order 2020-9 to permit an out-of-state health care provider not licensed in Illinois to continue to provide health care services to an Illinois patient via telehealth where there is a previously established provider/patient relationship.** The Department deems such a provider to be "authorized to practice in the State of Illinois" pursuant to Section 5 of the Executive Order without further need to obtain licensure in Illinois.

Source: <https://www.state.il.gov/news/2020/03/19/eo2020-9.html> <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>