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Partial Waiver of Off-Site Pharmacy Practice in Response to COVID-19

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In order to reduce opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19 and safeguard the health of Nevadans and practitioners, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy has partially waived existing regulations of off-site pharmacy practice to permit licensed/registered pharmacy personnel (pharmacists, intern pharmacists, and pharmaceutical technicians) to perform COVID-19 testing off-site, in non-pharmacy areas, such as in: pharmacy drive-through areas, parking lots, in mobile healthcare units or vehicles, and in other settings providing COVID-19 testing. *See* NAC 638.401-.418

This partial waiver is being issued in accordance with NAC 639.170.

For the purposes of this partial waiver, “testing” means nasal swab, throat, or any other approved and effective testing for COVID-19.

Pharmacies, Pharmacists, Intern Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Technicians Off-Site Testing

Pharmacists are permitted to oversee, perform, and/or handle testing for COVID-19 in accordance with the following. Intern pharmacists or pharmaceutical technicians are permitted to perform and/or handle testing for COVID-19 in accordance with the following:

- The pharmacist must be registered with the Board, either employed or a contract employee of a Nevada-licensed pharmacy, who oversees, performs, or handles the testing for COVID-19 to be conveyed to the laboratory for analysis.
- The intern pharmacist or pharmaceutical technician must be registered with the Board, either employed or a contract employee of a Nevada-licensed pharmacy, who either performs or handles the testing for COVID-19 to be conveyed to the laboratory for analysis.
- The pharmacist, intern pharmacist, and pharmaceutical technician may perform or handle the test and must be trained on the pharmacy’s policies and procedures relating to the test and/or handling of the test.
- The pharmacy must maintain or have access to a readily retrievable record of the name and registration number of each pharmacist, pharmacist intern, and pharmaceutical technician performing the test.
- Each test record must comply with all record-keeping requirements for pharmacies, along with any State and Federal Laws.

NOTE: The Board will not be approving policies, procedures, or technology solutions, but the pharmacy engaged in off-site testing should be able to justify how the policies, procedures, or technology meets the requirements of this guidance.

This guidance is in effect until May 29, 2020.

For questions regarding this partial waiver, please e-mail the Board office at pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov

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