

# State of Emergency to Help Prepare for the Potential Broader Spread of COVID-19 – 3/13/20

Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency for the State of Nevada March 12, 2020, to help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19.

Under the provisions Nevada Administrative Code NAC 639.170, the board has the authority to waive provisions of Pharmacy Regulations;

**NAC 639.170 Waiver of regulation upon declaration of emergency: Authority; required notices.**  
**(NRS 639.070)**

1. *The President, Executive Secretary or General Counsel of the Board may waive any of the requirements set forth in any regulation adopted by the Board governing the practice of pharmacy if a federal, state or local official authorized to issue a declaration of emergency concerning the health and welfare of the general public submits a notice of such declaration of emergency to the Board.*

2. *If the President, Executive Secretary or General Counsel of the Board issues a waiver pursuant to subsection 1, he or she shall:*

*(a) Provide written notification of the waiver, identifying the requirements of the applicable regulations that have been waived, any conditions of the waiver and the period of the waiver, to each pharmacy, pharmacist or other person to whom the Board deems necessary to effectuate the waiver; and*

*(b) Provide written notification of the termination of the waiver, by the most accessible and efficient means, to the same persons that were provided a written notification of the waiver pursuant to paragraph (a).*

The Board will consider a waiver, if in the board's opinion, the waiver will aid in the protection of public health or the provision of patient care. Further, such a determination may be made at the discretion of the Board's Executive Secretary for a period of up to 30 days.

Any licensee needing a waiver may submit a request for such to [Pharmacy@Pharmacy.NV.GOV](mailto:Pharmacy@Pharmacy.NV.GOV). The Board respectfully requests that such submissions include the following:

1. Name and address of the licensee
2. License number(s)
3. A brief statement regarding the extent of the waiver sought.
4. A brief statement detailing how the declared emergency caused the need for the waiver.
5. Relevant laws that the licensee is requesting are waived.
6. Authorized contact person. An authorized contact person includes any owner, officer, member, pharmacist-in-charge, or other individual otherwise authorized to act on behalf of the licensee.

The authorized contact will receive a response via email.

Additional information regarding the COVID-19 virus can be found at <http://dhhs.nv.gov/>