# **GEORGIA'S PHARMACISTS IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES**

Pharmacists are a valued member of the healthcare team and data shows that there is a need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. The potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services is great, improving health equity and access to care.

## QUALIFIED



Courses focused on pharmacotherapy, patient education, disease management, and clinical decision-making.



Pharmacists take the North America Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) & Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).



Many pharmacists complete Post-Graduate Residencies, Fellowships, and/or Board Certification in specialty areas.

As of 2004, all pharmacy school graduates earn the **PharmD** degree...a doctorate dearee to reflect the increased complexity of pharmacotherapy and advanced training required for adequate provision of patient care.

### Pharmacists are the Most Accessible Healthcare Professionals



#### 89% Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy<sup>2</sup>

## **TEST & TREAT**

Pharmacists and pharmacies are increasingly offering this public health service of test and treat to promote prevention, early detection, and disease management. Patients are referred when appropriate.



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#### Annually, Americans visit their pharmacy 35 times vs. 4 times

at their primary care provider.<sup>3</sup>

#### Number of pharmacies is 15% higher

than number of provider's offices

in communities where more than 30% of households live in poverty.<sup>4</sup>



Since May 2020, there has been a 200% increase in the # of pharmacies with CLIA/point of care waivers in the U.S., leading to more pharmacist accessibility for patient care services.<sup>5</sup>





## **PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT**



Approximately 50% of all adults in the U.S. have one or more chronic disease conditions <sup>6</sup>



**Chronic conditions** account for over 85% of total U.S. health care costs <sup>7</sup>



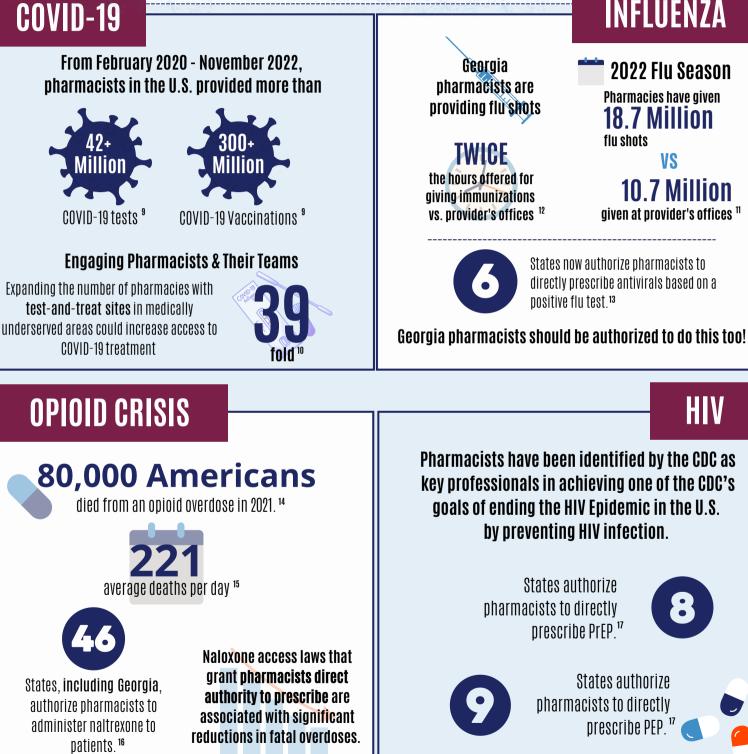
Saved for every \$1 spent on pharmacist service.<sup>8</sup>

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