Addressing the COVID-19 Crisis: An Open Forum Webinar Series for Pharmacists

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Today’s Focus:

Discuss how pharmacists can work to improve access to vaccines for underserved populations and address concerns patients may have about receiving vaccines.
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Format for Today’s Webinar

1:00 pm: Introductions
1:05 pm: Interview with Lakesha Butler and Sandra Leal
1:25 pm: Open Forum Q&A
1:50 pm: Wrap Up: Review of APhA’s Ongoing Activities and What’s Coming
Open Forum Ground Rules

• Use the **Questions** field on the GoToWebinar toolbar to submit comments and questions related to the topic discussion.

• Individuals whose submissions are selected will be asked by the moderator to state the comment or question for the audience. The line for the individual will be unmuted to read their comment or question.

• To maximize the number of questions/comments addressed, a **60-second time limit** will be in effect for everyone to state their question or comment.

• We will try to get to as many comments and questions as possible. We have created a new forum for COVID-19 discussions where further discussion post-webinar. Information on participating in this forum will be provided at the end of the open forum.
Interview with Sandra Leal and Lakesha Butler

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Polling Question

I have easy access to patient handout information that is available in languages other than English.

a. True
b. False
Open Forum Discussion: A Minute for Your Thoughts

Comments, Questions, Feedback
CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Discusses Disparities Associated with COVID-19 Deaths:

Link to report: Excess Deaths Associated with COVID-19, by Age and Race and Ethnicity
Vaccine Information

HHS PRODUCED TELL ME MORE ABOUT VACCINES VIDEO. “Tell Me More About Vaccines” to help answer commonly asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z06jQhyZLUJ

The CDC is a great resource for information about current vaccination recommendations! https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/
The CDC has several resources available to help patients who may not speak English as a first language.

**CDC Resources in Languages Other Than English**

**Multi-Language Seasonal Flu Factsheets**

Both [MedlinePlus](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus) and [Health Information Translations](https://www.healthinformationtranslations.org) offer patient information and education resources in a number of different languages.
Review of APhA’s Ongoing Activities and What’s Coming
HHS Authority for Pharmacy Technicians and Pharmacy Interns

- Childhood vaccinations and COVID-19 vaccination and testing
- Authorized qualified pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns (licensed, registered, other)
  - Technicians: licensed, registered with state; or in state without above, tech is CPhT
- Acting under supervision of a qualified pharmacist
  - Ordered by pharmacist
  - Be readily and immediately available
- Other similar requirements as pharmacist authority
  - For example, type of vaccines, Well-child visit information
- Only during PREP Act declared emergency
- Technician specific
  - Complete ACPE approved practical training program – with hands-on injection technique and recognition of emergency reactions to vaccines
  - Current Basic CPR certificate
  - Minimum of 2 hrs ACPE-approved immunization related CE during state licensing period
- Supervising pharmacist responsible for recordkeeping/reporting


Pharmacists’ Authority to Immunize During COVID-19

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently expanded COVID-19 and childhood vaccine authority for pharmacists and pharmacy interns nationwide during the public health emergency. To optimize these opportunities provided by the HHS authorizations and increase access for the communities you serve, it’s important to know what’s expected and prepare for your expanded role as an immunizer. The most important thing you can do right now is review the requirements and ensure you meet the education requirements.

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<td>Patient Age</td>
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<td>Pharmacist Training</td>
<td>An ACPE-approved practical training program of at least 20 hours that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. Resources: APhA’s Certificate Training Program for Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery meets this requirement.</td>
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<td>Pharmacy Intern Training</td>
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<td>Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation</td>
<td>The pharmacist and pharmacy intern must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.</td>
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<td>Continuing Education</td>
<td>The pharmacist must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during each state licensure period. Resources: Access APHAA’s Education Library for immunization CPE.</td>
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DSCSA Dispenser Requirements Delayed

- Verification of product identifier for suspect and illegitimate products
- Delayed until 11/27/2023
Take Action Now!

It’s Game Time! Tell Congress Pharmacists Can Help Fight COVID-19 and Influenza!

• Your immediate participation will help spur conversation within Congress about the need for pharmacists’ provider status during the public health emergency.

• We need ALL of our representatives to advocate to Congressional leadership in both parties to ensure this receives the attention it – and our patients – deserve so it is included in the next legislative package!

To take action now, go to: https://actioncenter.pharmacist.com/campaign/coronavirus/

To learn about how you can call your representatives, contact Mary-Ryan Douglass at mrdouglass@aphanet.org
COVID-19 Education Opportunities – CE Available

Available Now:
Pediatric Immunization Refresher for Pharmacists

- 2 hours of CPE focused on pediatric immunizations
  - A review of pediatric immunization administration techniques
  - A review of pediatric vaccines
- Meets HHS requirements for pharmacists to provide pediatric immunizations!
- Only $39 for APhA members/$59 for non-members
Post on ENGAGE
Pharmacy’s Response to COVID-19

POST your questions
SHARE your lessons learned
SUPPORT your colleagues
ACCESS the latest information

How have you worked within your community to address vaccine hesitancy?

What other organizations have you partnered with to help improve health outcomes for underserved populations?
Join Us, Again, in TWO Weeks!

Next Weekly webinar will be on Thursday, November 5th, from 1-2pm ET and will feature Dr. John Grabenstein who will provide the latest info on the COVID vaccine trials

Today’s webinar recording and slides will be available within 24hrs

https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus/weekly-webinars