



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF PHARMACY

April 16, 2021

Temporary Waiver of Regulations

On April 15, 2021, the Commission of Pharmacy had an Emergency Meeting to vote on the issuing a waiver for Regulations below. The Commission of Pharmacy voted unanimously to extend all the below Regulations until the September 29, 2021 commission meeting, at that time they will review the extension of the Regulations. The Commission of Pharmacy may review the waiver of these regulations prior to September 29, 2021 if necessary.

Previous Waiver

On March 21, 2020, Governor Lamont signed an executive order that gave Commissioner Seagull the authority to modify regulations in section 20-576-59 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. These orders have previously been extended by executive order but are set to expire on April 19th, 2021.

On March 27, 2020, the Department issued a Guidance Document that addressed the following regulations and provided an update on January 15, 2021

The Following Regulations have been waived or modified by the Commission of Pharmacy until September 29, 2021 :

20-576-13 – Hours of Operation

Pharmacies are no longer required to be opened at least 35 hours per week. Reduction of hours of operation shall be reported to the Department via EMAIL only to DCP.PharmacyLicense@ct.gov. Whenever possible, the pharmacy should post the most current hours of operation on the main entrance of the building forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Companies that operate multiple locations are permitted to send one (1) email that lists all the stores and the variation in hours. When possible, please send emails once per week.

20-576-23 – Newly Designated Pharmacist Manager

Newly designated pharmacist managers do not need to be interviewed by the Commission of Pharmacy at this time. Should they continue to be the pharmacist manager after the state of emergency has been lifted, they would need to be interviewed at the first Commission of Pharmacy meeting. All newly designated pharmacist managers shall be reported to the Department via EMAIL only to DCP.PharmacistLicense@ct.gov at the time of the change.

20-576-33 – Pharmacy Technicians in Institutional Pharmacy

Institution outpatient, inpatient and satellite pharmacies may have a pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio of up to four (4) pharmacy technicians to one (1) pharmacist for the duration of the emergency declaration. Whenever possible, at least two of the pharmacy technicians should be nationally certified or have at least five (5) years of experience as a pharmacy technician. Institutional pharmacies may petition for additional variation for a specific location.

The petition shall include specific reason for the need, technology utilized to provide a safe dispensing environment and ask additional questions they may have. This is at the discretion of the Commissioner. All pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio petitions shall be reported to the Department via EMAIL only to DCP.COP@ct.gov.

20-576-36 – Pharmacy Technicians in Pharmacies

Pharmacies may have a pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio of up to four (4) pharmacy technicians to one (1) pharmacist for the duration of the emergency declaration. Whenever possible, the at least two (2) of the pharmacy technicians should be nationally certified or have at least five (5) years of experience as a pharmacy technician.

Pharmacies may petition for additional variation for a specific location and the petition shall include specific reason for the need, technology utilized to provide a safe dispensing environment and ask additional questions they may have. This is at the discretion of the Commissioner. All pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio petitions shall be reported to the Department via EMAIL only to DCP.COP@ct.gov.

20-576-8(c)(1) – Registration of Pharmacy Interns

A pharmacy intern preceptor, who has received training in the administration of vaccination in accordance with Section 20-633 of the general statutes and the corresponding regulations, is permitted to supervise the training of up to five (5) pharmacy interns for the purpose of administration of COVID-19 vaccinations. The requirements are as follows:

- The pharmacy intern preceptor shall not be responsible for supervising more than five (5) total individuals, including pharmacy technicians (i.e. one (1) pharmacy technician and four (4) pharmacy interns or three (3) pharmacy technicians and two (2) pharmacy interns);
- The pharmacy intern preceptor shall be responsible for supervising the pharmacy interns and pharmacy technician in compliance with Section 20-576-9 and Section 20-576-32;
- These activities are permitted in any location where the pharmacy intern preceptor is physically present where only vaccine related activities are occurring (i.e. vaccination clinics, mass vaccination events, etc.) and the pharmacy intern preceptor is not responsible for any other duties;
- Each pharmacy intern shall be trained in the proper administration of vaccinations and trained on any additional information required regarding COVID-19 vaccinations;