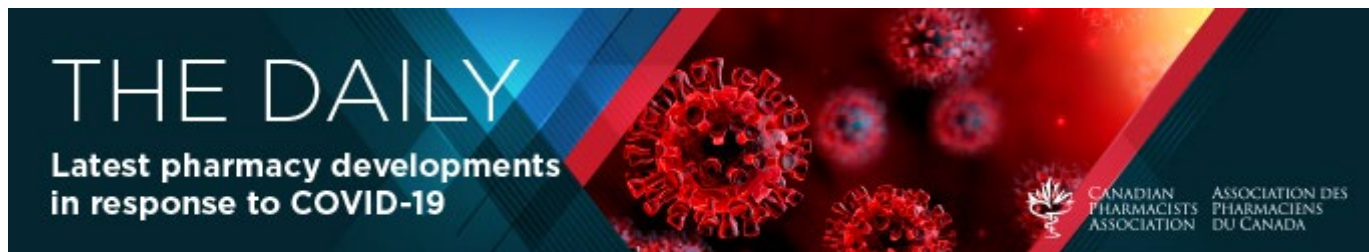


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## **CPhA**

### ***New blog post highlights CPhA's ongoing efforts to support pharmacists during COVID-19***

In a new blog post, CPhA Chair Christine Hrudka [gives an update](#) on what CPhA has been working on to support pharmacists as they continue to provide exceptional care to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. She notes that CPhA plays a unique role in its ability to produce credible and evidence-based documents to counter misinformation and myths that can affect pharmacists on the job and have far-reaching implications for health care. CPhA is relied on by media and governments as the national voice to provide expert knowledge and background on a variety of COVID-19 issues. Stepping Up... #ProtectTheFrontLine originally appeared on the Canadian Healthcare Network.

### ***REMINDER: Register now for tomorrow's PPE Best Practices During COVID-19 webinar***

On Thursday, April 2 from 12-1pm ET, join Shelita Dattani (CPhA), Kamran Nisar (PharmaChoice), Christina Adams (Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists), Karey Shuhendler (Canadian Nurses Association) and Glenn Rodriguez (Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia) for a webinar on best practices for using personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect pharmacy staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The discussion will focus on appropriate use, donning, doffing, disposal and various scenarios where PPE might be required. The webinar is free for all pharmacists. [Register here.](#)

CPhA's COVID-19 web pages are being updated regularly at [www.pharmacists.ca/covid19](http://www.pharmacists.ca/covid19) and [www.pharmacists.ca/covid19fr](http://www.pharmacists.ca/covid19fr).

## **Provincial**

### ***Student volunteers available to support pharmacy deliveries***

UBC pharmacy students, along with other health science students across BC, are volunteering their time to support the health care community during the COVID-19 crisis. They are looking to assess the need for a prescription delivery service to help pharmacies safely deliver medications, particularly to senior and immunocompromised patients. Some pharmacies may already have delivery services available, but additional support is needed due to high volumes. The students would like to see if they can supplement this effort and also provide an option for pharmacies that may not already have this in place. The service will exclude opioid agonist treatment (OAT) and cold-chain.

## **National**

### ***Canadian Medical Forum urges governments to take action on PPE manufacturing and deployment***

The Canadian Medical Forum (CMF) is [calling on](#) federal, provincial and territorial governments and public health agencies to immediately develop guidelines to support best practices in PPE use by health care providers and mobilize Canadian PPE production in order to protect health care providers and limit the spread of COVID-19. CMF is made up of Canada's major national medical organizations.

### **Health Canada: Expedited access to disinfectants, hand sanitizers and PPE**

In light of the unprecedented demand and urgent need for products that can help limit the spread of COVID-19, including hand sanitizers, disinfectants, personal protective equipment (such as masks and gowns) and swabs, Health Canada has [facilitated access](#) to products that may not fully meet current regulatory requirements, as an interim measure. Initially announced on March 18, the list of [disinfectants and hand sanitizers](#) accepted under the interim measure was updated on March 31.

## **International**

### **Community pharmacists' contribution during a public health crisis**

A new article, "[On the frontline against COVID-19: Community pharmacists' contribution during a public health crisis](#)," highlights the roles and activities that community pharmacists can undertake to help relieve pressure on other areas of the health service, such as general practice. This information could help inform future decisions about the restructuring of existing health services by governments, public health bodies and policy makers in response to public health crises such as COVID-19.

### **APhA Creates COVID-19 Training Programs and Resources for Pharmacists**

To help pharmacists in staying safe and up to date with the latest research and practice guidance, the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) is offering new and current [training programs and resources](#). APhA's 15 on COVID-19 Education Series is designed to provide needed education about COVID-19 through a series of 15-20 minute online episodes. Each episode focuses on a single topic and helps pharmacists separate fact from fiction and hypothesis from rumour so they can provide the best information to their patients and health care colleagues. To further help in the fight against COVID-19, APhA has provided comprehensive practice resources and a weekly webinar series to arm pharmacists with the latest information on the pandemic.

### **Join the FIP pharmacist global dialogue**

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has set up [COVID-19 & pharmacy](#), an international space on Facebook dedicated to exchanging COVID-19 information, sharing and starting a global pharmacist dialogue.

## **Newsworthy**

### **France: Pharmacies enlisted to help curb domestic violence**

France is relocating women who are victims of domestic abuse by their partners into hotels, and has created a secret code word for them to [discreetly seek help in pharmacies](#), in response to a huge increase in domestic abuse during the coronavirus lockdown. Last week, French officials set up an "alert system" in pharmacies nationwide, where victims could discreetly ask the pharmacist to call police by asking for a "mask 19." The initiative mimics a scheme set up in Spain's Canary Islands that uses the same code word.

## **Worth Repeating**

"Do not buy more medication than usual. This will help ensure that all Canadians continue to have access to the medications they need and it will also help prevent drug shortages." — Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Theresa Tam, tweeting @CPHO\_Canada

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