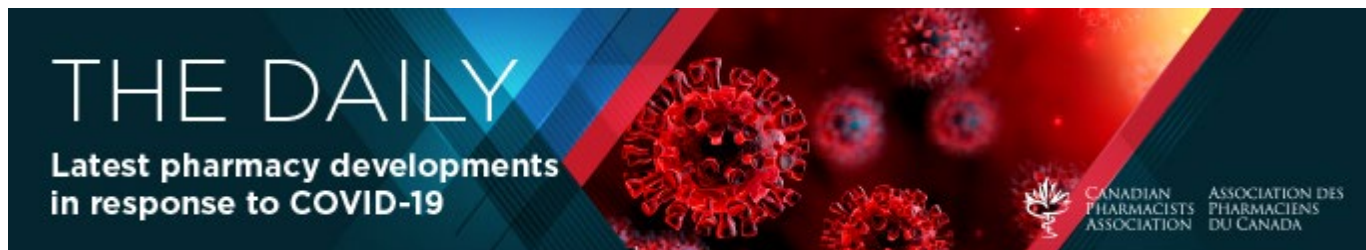


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Managing COVID-19 day-to-day: FAQs webinar now available in short clips

We know you're working long hours and doing the best you can for your patients, and that finding the time to attend a webinar or watch a complete recording is a challenge. To help you find answers more quickly, CPhA has made the recording of our last FAQs webinar available in short clips. The full video has been broken down into a series of short clips, labelled with the featured topic of the segment. The clips and full webinar recording are available on our [website](#).

CPhA's COVID-19 web pages are being updated regularly at www.pharmacists.ca/covid19 and www.pharmacists.ca/covid19fr.

Provincial

OPA partners with RONCO to supply PPE to pharmacists

Recognizing the worldwide shortage of PPE, the Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA) has partnered with RONCO, a world-class manufacturer and supplier of PPE, securing preferential pricing on PPE products for all pharmacists in Ontario. [Read the announcement.](#)

NBCP: Registration and licensure during COVID-19

The New Brunswick College of Pharmacists (NBCP) is facilitating registration and licensure of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians currently not entitled to practice direct client care through a Conditional: Emergency Register. The requirements for inclusion on the Conditional: Emergency Register have been established through the council of the college and the Government of New Brunswick to ensure continuity of pharmacy services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Decisions on licensing in this pandemic balance the risks to the public of insufficient human resourcing against the risk of an individual without recent proven competency in providing care for patients. For more, see [here](#).

NS online initiative to address looming COVID-19 pharmacy staffing shortages

In collaboration with the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists and the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia (PANS), Sandra Aylward, principal consultant with Sagona Inc. in Halifax, has launched a private Facebook page, NS Rx Connect, to help pharmacies facing staff shortages and needing professional assistance. The moderated Facebook page, a model that has now expanded to New Brunswick, assists by linking those looking for professional help with volunteers willing to lend a hand. [Read more on Canadian Healthcare Network](#) (subscription required).

BC releases recommendations on unproven therapies for COVID-19

The BC Centre for Disease Control and BC Ministry of Health have released a [position statement](#) and set of [guidelines](#) on unproven therapies for COVID-19. Both documents outline that there are no proven therapies for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19, and list a number of specific therapies and related recommendations for each.

International

Inappropriate prescribing of medications to treat COVID-19: joint statement

The American Medical Association, American Pharmacists Association and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists released a joint [statement](#) to highlight the important role that physicians, pharmacists and health systems play in being just stewards of health care resources during times of emergency and national disaster. The statement says, in part: “We are aware that some physicians and others are prophylactically prescribing medications currently identified as potential treatments for COVID-19 (e.g., chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin) for themselves, their families, or their colleagues; and that some pharmacies and hospitals have been purchasing excessive amounts of these medications in anticipation of potentially using them for COVID-19 prevention and treatment. We strongly oppose these actions.” APhA also released its own [statement](#) reiterating what was expressed in the joint statement.

RPS asks police for greater protection for pharmacy staff

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has [written](#) to the National Police Chiefs Council in the UK to help make sure that all pharmacy teams across the National Health Service are kept safe and protected against any forms of aggressive, violent and abusive behaviour. Many pharmacy teams have reported an increase in abuse, violence and aggression from some members of the public. Pharmacy teams are central to the UK response to COVID-19, ensuring people get their medicines and keeping them free from illness. It is crucial that staff feel safe and supported to keep going to work amid a surge in demand across the health service.

Newsworthy

Pharmacy offers flowers to those receiving prescription deliveries

Simple acts of kindness will help weather the current coronavirus storm. One such act is taking place through Hauser's Pharmacy in Hamilton, ON, which has seen the pharmacy join up with Rosa Flora to give a free bouquet of flowers to their patients. Owner Phil Hauser says the response has been fabulous, with some patients breaking into tears at their doorstep when presented with their prescription and a bright handful of flowers. [More here.](#)

Worth Repeating

“We will get through this together. Even if we are far apart.” – Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta’s Chief Medical Officer of Health

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