

Adults in Rhode Island support pharmacists conducting tests and providing treatment for common illnesses such as COVID-19, the flu, strep throat, and UTIs. Adults in Rhode Island also support making permanent recent expansions of pharmacist care to ensure continued access to vaccinations, testing, and treatment for common conditions.

TREATING + PREVENTING COMMON CONDITIONS

A majority of adults in Rhode Island support pharmacists providing care to patients experiencing common conditions.

Pharmacist Actions	% Support (Strongly + Somewhat)
Helping patients prevent chronic disease such as heart disease and diabetes	71%
Helping patients to understand their nutritional choices	76%
Testing for and treating common illnesses (i.e. flu, COVID-19, etc.)	75%
Testing for and treating common minor conditions such as strep throat and urinary tract infections (UTIs)	70%
Screening for diabetes	74%
Initiating treatment for diabetes (if screening is positive)	65%
Screening for high cholesterol	73%
Testing for sexually transmitted infections	64%

CONTINUED ACCESS TO CARE

A majority of adults, including **83%** of adults in Rhode Island believe it's important for their state to update its policies to ensure that patients **permanently have the same access to pharmacy vaccination, testing, and treatment services** that were available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

86% of adults in Rhode Island say pharmacists are **easy to access**, the highest percentage of the tested options.

FAIR COMPENSATION

Adults in Rhode Island also wish to see pharmacists reimbursed by insurers for providing care: **72%** support private and government insurers **adequately paying pharmacists** for testing and initiating treatment in states where pharmacists are authorized to do so.

SIMPLE TESTING AND TREATMENT

When simple tests exist to help identify common conditions, adults in Rhode Island support pharmacists providing care for the following if a patient tests positive:

COVID-19: 74% **Flu: 77%**
Strep Throat: 77% **UTI: 74%**

HIV PREVENTION

Adults in Rhode Island believe pharmacists have a role in helping people prevent HIV.

73% support pharmacists administering **simple HIV tests** at pharmacies.

65% support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PrEP) to those who are seeking to prevent HIV but who have not yet been exposed to it.

67% support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PEP) to those who have possibly been exposed to HIV.