Adults in Tennessee support pharmacists conducting tests and providing treatment for common illnesses such as COVID-19, the flu, strep throat, and UTIs. Adults in Tennessee 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 Tennessee 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	69%
Helping patients to understand their nutritional choices	73%
Testing for and treating common illnesses (i.e. flu, COVID-19, etc.)	72%
Testing for and treating common minor conditions such as strep throat and urinary tract infections (UTIs)	66%
Screening for diabetes	67%
Initiating treatment for diabetes (if screening is positive)	63%
Screening for high cholesterol	69%
Testing for sexually transmitted infections	59%

# CONTINUED ACCESS TO CARE

A majority of adults, including **76%** of adults in Tennessee 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.

**84%** of adults in Tennessee say pharmacists are **easy to access,** the highest percentage of the tested options.

### FAIR COMPENSATION

Adults in Tennessee also wish to see pharmacists reimbursed by insurers for providing care: **69%** 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 Tennessee support pharmacists providing care for the following if a patient tests positive:

COVID-19: 71%	<b>Flu:</b> 75%
Strep Throat: 73%	<b>UTI:</b> 69%

### **HIV PREVENTION**

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

**67%** support pharmacists administering **simple HIV tests** at pharmacies.

**63%** support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PrEP) to those who are seeking to prevent HIV but who have not yet been exposed to it.

**65%** support pharmacists **prescribing preventative medication** (called PEP) to those who have possibly been exposed to HIV.

Methodology: This nationwide poll was conducted online from October 25-30, 2023 among a sample of 10,031 adults. State-level results are estimated by a multi-level regression and post-stratification (MRP) model weighted by age, race/ethnicity, gender, and educational attainment within each state. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 1 percentage points.