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Adults in Washington support pharmacists conducting tests and providing treatment for common illnesses such as COVID-19, the flu, strep throat, and UTIs. Adults in Washington 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 Washington 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	73%
Helping patients to understand their nutritional choices	76%
Testing for and treating common illnesses (i.e. flu, COVID-19, etc.)	74%
Testing for and treating common minor conditions such as strep throat and urinary tract infections (UTIs)	67%
Screening for diabetes	71%
Initiating treatment for diabetes (if screening is positive)	65%
Screening for high cholesterol	72%
Testing for sexually transmitted infections	64%

# CONTINUED ACCESS TO CARE

A majority of adults, including **80%** of adults in Washington 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.

**85%** of adults in Washington say pharmacists are **easy to access**, the highest percentage of the tested options.

## FAIR COMPENSATION

Adults in Washington 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 Washington support pharmacists providing care for the following if a patient tests positive:

**COVID-19:** 73% **Flu:** 75% **Strep Throat:** 74% **UTI:** 71%

# **HIV PREVENTION**

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

**72%** 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.

**68%** 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.