On COVID-19: “We’ll rise to meet this challenge together.”

Pharmacy: Committed to Answering Americans’ Call

Alongside other heroic healthcare professionals, pharmacists and team members throughout the store are committed to meeting the escalating demands of COVID-19. This is what Americans are saying about what pharmacies are doing, and what more they could be empowered to do:

86% say pharmacists should be allowed to provide tests for COVID-19, and

90% say it is easy to access pharmacies – the most accessible healthcare destination tested.

86% say pharmacists should be allowed to provide a vaccine or other medication to protect against COVID-19, when developed.

76% agree COVID-19 has shown that public health partners like pharmacies are important, and we need to remove barriers like some government regulations that prevent pharmacies from being utilized to the extent possible.

81% agree: pharmacists have a role to play in helping patients deal with COVID-19 (81%), and

77% support allowing pharmacy technicians to handle more administrative tasks so pharmacists have more time for patient-care services;

74% say pharmacists have a role to play in helping patients address colds and flu, minor ailments, and management of chronic conditions like diabetes (84%).

Thinking of other recommendations offered by pharmacies amid COVID-19,

74% support pharmacist-provided telehealth services, such as medication management;

79% support helping pharmacists make it easier to get medications through early and emergency refills.

77% support allowing pharmacy technicians to handle more administrative tasks so pharmacists have more time for patient-care services;

84% agree: COVID-19 has shown that public health partners like pharmacies are important, and we need to remove barriers like some government regulations that prevent pharmacies from being utilized to the extent possible.

Our Recommendations

See NACDS’ urgent policy recommendations in an open letter to President Trump and Vice President Pence, the Congressional leadership, and the governors.

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The Power to Serve

NACDS represents 40,000 pharmacies, employing 185,000 pharmacists.

There is a community pharmacy within five miles of 90% of Americans.

Pharmacists graduate with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Americans appreciate their pharmacists

This heartfelt message from the community greeted the team at an Iowa pharmacy of NACDS-member Hartig Drug Company, Inc.

Pharmacies. The face of neighborhood healthcare.