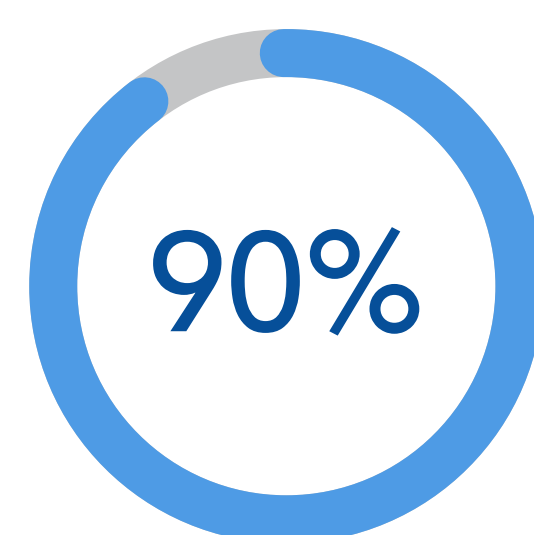


On COVID-19: “We’ll rise to meet this challenge together.”

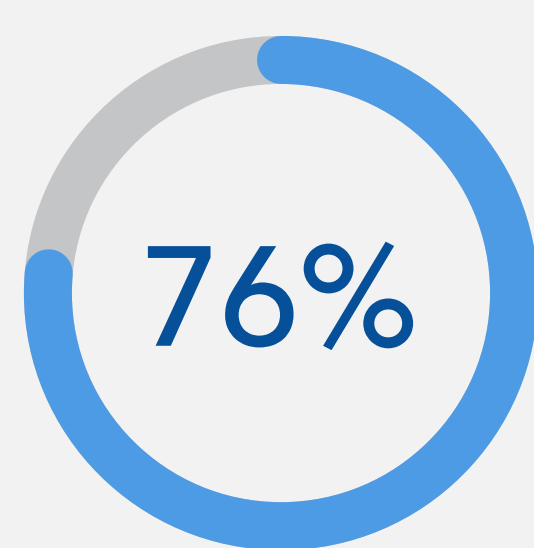


Pharmacy: Committed to Answering Americans’ Call

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:

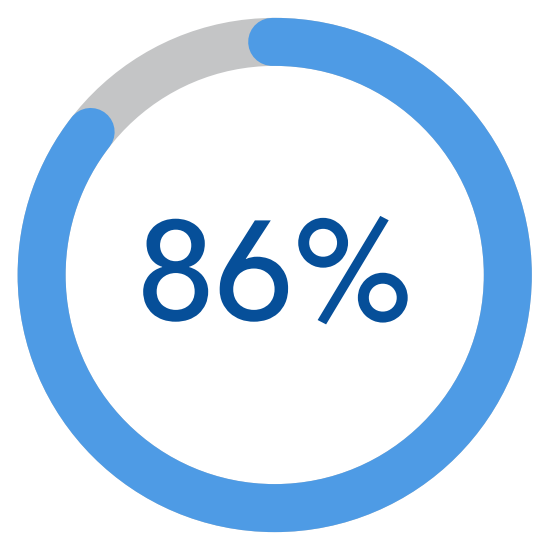


90% say it is **easy to access pharmacies** – the most accessible healthcare destination tested.

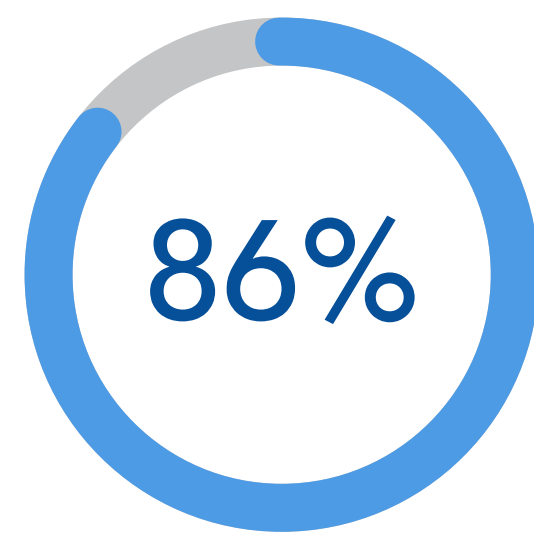


76% agree: COVID-19 has shown that public health partners like pharmacies are important, and **we need to remove barriers** like some government regulations that prevent pharmacies from being utilized to the extent possible.

After learning more about the role of pharmacists,

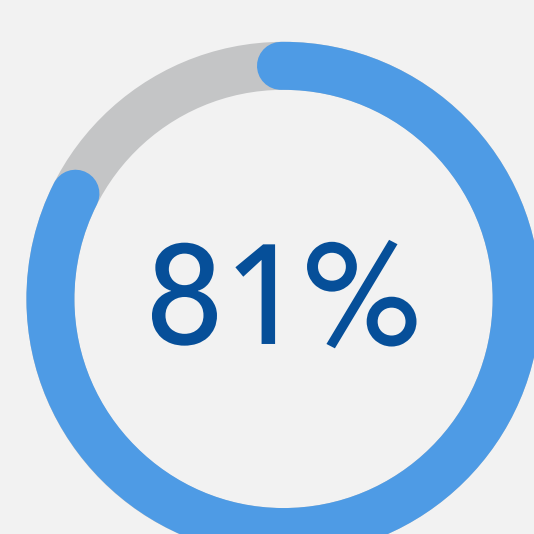


86% say **pharmacists should be allowed to provide tests** for COVID-19, and

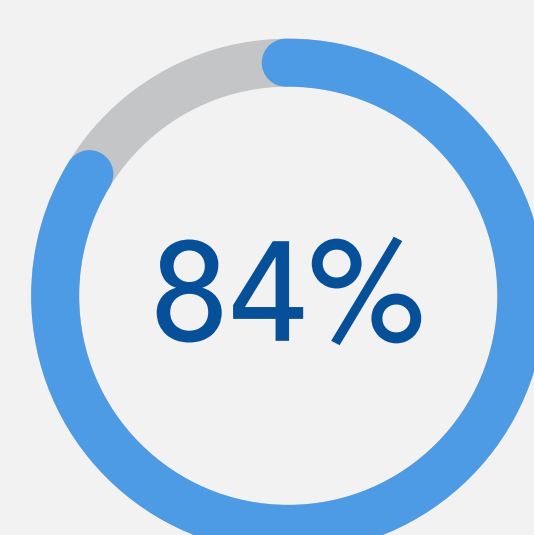


86% say **pharmacists should be allowed to provide a vaccine** or other medication to protect against COVID-19, when developed.

Americans are as likely to agree that:

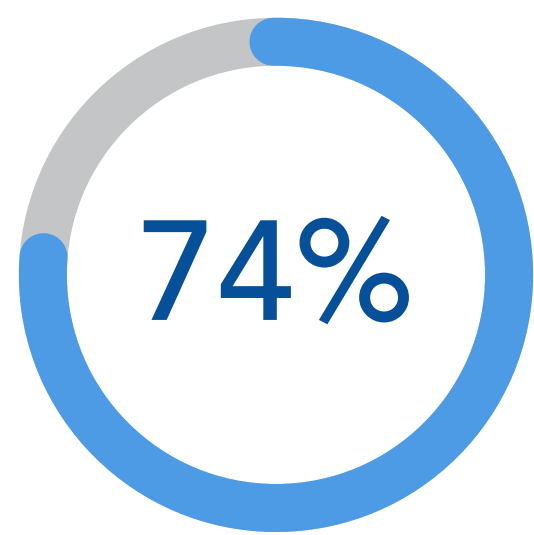


pharmacists have a role to play in helping patients deal with COVID-19 (81%), and

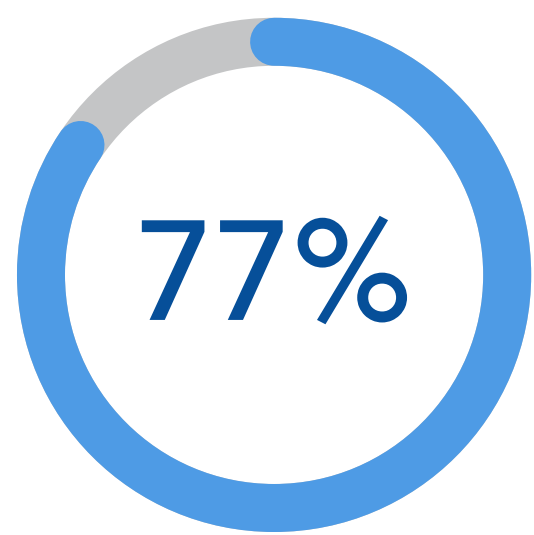


pharmacists have a role to play in helping patients address colds and flu, minor ailments, and management of chronic conditions like diabetes (84%).

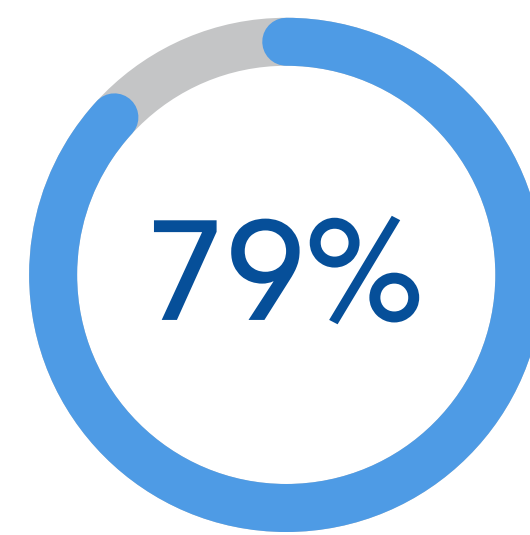
Thinking of other recommendations offered by pharmacies amid COVID-19,



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



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



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

This poll was conducted by Morning Consult, commissioned by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, between March 26 - March 28, 2020 among a national sample of 1,995 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Registered Voters based on age, educational attainment, gender, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Our Recommendations

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

[NACDS.org/COVID-19](https://www.nacds.org/COVID-19)

The Power to Serve

NACDS represents 40,000 pharmacies, employing **155,000 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.

