

POLICY STATEMENT(S):

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of *The Health Professions Act, the Pharmacy Operations and Drugs Scheduling Act, the Regulation and the bylaws* of the College of Pharmacists of BC made pursuant to these Acts or any other provision of law, a pharmacist in good faith may furnish a drug without prescription in reasonable quantities during a declared state of emergency to further the health and safety of the public.
2. If a drug is provided in accordance with point 1 above, a record containing the date, name and address of the person to whom the drug is furnished, and the name, strength and quantity of the drug furnished must be maintained. The pharmacist shall communicate this information to the patient's prescriber as soon as possible.
3. The Registrar may waive pharmacy licensure requirements (pertaining to minimum equipment, minimum space, sanitary facilities or any other licensing requirements) and issue a temporary pharmacy licence to a licensed pharmacy required to relocate because of a declared state of emergency.
4. It is the responsibility of each pharmacy manager to approach regional emergency preparedness coordinators and be aware of and participate in local plans. Pharmacy managers should develop more detailed individual disaster plans for their own pharmacies (beyond the regional plans).