

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: April 6, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Practice Questions and Pharmacy Closures

We want to ensure that you are aware that the NSCP continues to operate at full capacity and the NSCP team continues to be available to you at this time.

Pharmacy Practice Questions

We recognize that now more than ever as you are being called upon to bridge gaps in patient care, you may have questions on prescribing and other areas of practice. Do not hesitate to contact the NSCP for assistance.

Pharmacy Closures

As COVID-19 community transmission has now been confirmed, it is likely that pharmacies will begin to see significant impacts on their human resources. If you believe your pharmacy may need to close because of the unavailability of a pharmacist to be on duty, please contact the NSCP at the earliest opportunity to explore options that are available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note:

- The NSCP does not need to be notified of reduced business hours.
- Should you need to temporarily close, please notify the NSCP at the earliest opportunity by using the [Notification of Temporary Pharmacy Closure Form](#) so that the NSCP can address any calls received from the public. Pharmacies should review the [Temporary Pharmacy Closures Policy](#).
- The NSCP and PANS have developed temporary closure signs that can be used by pharmacies to notify the public. These can be found on the [NSCP COVID-19 page](#) under Pharmacy Operations.
- A separate screening hotline for healthcare workers has been established and is available to community pharmacy practitioners. Community pharmacy practitioners who may have been exposed or are showing symptoms of COVID-19 can call 1-833-547-0059 for direction.
- Should a pharmacy staff member test positive for COVID-19, Public Health will provide guidance on next steps.

Contact Info for Practice Questions and Closures:

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If your call goes to voicemail, please leave a detailed message and someone will respond to you as quickly as possible.