

## Pharmacy-Local Public Health Authority Memorandum of Understanding

Representatives of Oregon State Pharmacy Association, Oregon Society of Health System Pharmacists, Conference of Local Health Officials, Oregon Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Public Health Division and others from the public health and pharmacy communities have worked together to develop this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pharmacies and Local Public Health Authorities. In this grass roots effort, partnerships continue to expand to protect the whole community, break down barriers and ensure access to medications for Oregonians during emergencies.

### **Purpose:**

During many incidents affecting the public's health, pharmacies can play a critical role in effective response. The MOU provides a framework for timely, effective pharmacy response to public health incidents.

In response to these sorts of incidents, **pharmacies can:**

- Distribute and dispense vaccine during communicable disease outbreaks,
- Dispense antibiotics for treatment or prevention of illness during outbreaks,
- Assess and meet needs for medication among those displaced by storms or other incidents, and
- Expand healthcare capacity in a public health emergency by managing therapy for specific conditions under a state-issued treatment protocol (ORS 431A.015).

### **What the MOU does:**

- Standardize response across communities
- Provide structure to simplify Pharmacy-Public Health Collaboration

### **What the MOU does not do:**

- Require participation by signatories.  
The MOU is not a contract.

The MOU, along with the Operational Guidance that accompanies it, will help pharmacies and local public health authorities plan effective interventions and work together to meet the needs of the community. To learn more, visit the Pharmacy-Public Health MOU website at:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Partners/Pages/PharmacyMOU.aspx>