



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2020-224
March 10, 2020

STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO
THE DISPENSING OF PHARMACEUTICALS

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, a case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was confirmed in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since that time, five (5) more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth, with cases appearing in three (3) counties; and

WHEREAS, this condition continues to endanger public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services; and

WHEREAS, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by Chapter 39A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, did hereby declare by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, under such circumstances, I am further empowered by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Chapter 315 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to implement certain provisions of the law aimed toward further protecting the health and welfare of Kentucky Citizens:

NOW THEREFORE, I Andy Beshear, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by Chapter 315 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby implement the provisions of KRS 315.500, *et seq.* as to the emergency authority for pharmacists, and do hereby Order and Direct that, in accordance with provisions of KRS 315.500 and 201 KAR 2:330:



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1. Pharmacists located in any county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky may dispense emergency refills of up to a thirty (30) day supply of any non-controlled medication for residents of any county of the Commonwealth.
2. Pharmacists may operate temporarily a pharmacy in an area not designated on the pharmacy permit;
3. Pharmacists may dispense drugs as needed to treat COVID-19 pursuant to protocols established by the CDC or the NIH or determined to be appropriate by the commissioner of public health or his designee to respond to the circumstances causing the emergency;
4. The provisions of this Order shall expire on April 8, 2020, but shall be subject to renewal thereafter, subject to applicable law, if necessary to protect the lives, property, or welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This Order is effective March 10, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State