

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: April 9, 2020
Re: Pharmacy Infection Control Measures During COVID-19

The NSCP has developed a *Pharmacy Infection Control Measures During COVID-19* guidance document to improve the safety of the pharmacy environment and to support adherence to public health guidance.

The guidance document describes safety measures, based upon a hierarchy of effectiveness, that pharmacies can take during the COVID-19 pandemic to make pharmacies a safe environment for both the public and pharmacy staff.

While full implementation of these measures will require ongoing effort, and may not currently be possible, safety in the pharmacy needs to be a top priority. Every effort must be made at this time to make pharmacy environments safe for the public and for pharmacy practitioners and to ensure that community pharmacies can continue to provide care.

It is expected that infection control recommendations for pharmacies will continue to evolve. It is important that pharmacy practitioners stay current with and adhere to all Nova Scotia Public Health directives and guidance. The NSCP will provide updated guidance as needed and as appropriate.

The NSCP applauds your commitment to serve your patients, to continue to make yourself accessible to the public and meet their health needs, and to be innovative in doing this safely during these difficult times.