



Guidance for Sterile Compounding Pharmacies During COVID-19

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) provides the following guidance regarding sterile compounding compliance under conditions related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns:

- Sterile compounding pharmacies should follow established, recognized guidelines (such as CriticalPoint® or equivalent) for guidance on conserving garb and alternatives and strategies for managing potential extended use of face masks, gowns, and shoe covers.
 - It is recommended that pharmacies keep a copy of the guidance used to adjust practice.
- TSBP recognizes the need to delay certain activities such as personnel annual quality assurance activities in order to reduce supply needs.
- TSBP Inspectors are aware of the challenges being presented to pharmacies and will take these into account when inspecting pharmacies.
- Pharmacies are expected to implement processes that prohibit the use of contaminated or unusable supplies. Processes should continue to focus on patient protections.

The U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has issued guidance for extended use and limited reuse of N95 filtering facepiece respirators.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact TSBP at (512) 305-8070.

NIOSH LINK:

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>