



## BOARD OF PHARMACY – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ordering and Administering COVID-19 Therapeutics

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The Board of Pharmacy is issuing this notice regarding COVID-19 and certain authority under the PREP Act to administer therapeutics. After consultation with the Department of Law, the board received clarification on the following:

### Q1: What can be ordered and administered?

A1: Under the 9th amendment of the PREP Act, COVID-19 therapeutics that have been authorized, approved, licensed, or cleared by the FDA can be ordered and administered without a prescriber's drug order. At this time, approved treatments include monoclonal antibodies and remdesivir. As the FDA recognizes additional treatments in the future, please be sure to check their website to ensure administration of therapeutics are approved/authorized:

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/know-your-treatment-options-covid-19>

### Q2: Who can order and administer therapeutics?

A2: Only pharmacists can order therapeutics; however, pharmacists, interns, and qualified technicians who are licensed or permitted in Alaska and have completed any required training may administer them.

### Q3: Are there restrictions on routes of administration?

A3: COVID-19 therapeutics for subcutaneous, intramuscular, or oral administration can be ordered and administered by pharmacists, interns, and qualified technicians independently, but the treatment must still be authorized, approved, licensed, or cleared by the FDA.