

Americans Support Federal Action to Prevent Rollback of Access to Their Pharmacies

A Morning Consult poll commissioned by NACDS found support for extending, and even making permanent, federal policies empowering pharmacies and pharmacy teams to help Americans respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Survey participants were informed: Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, government policies on pharmacists' ability to provide services such as routine vaccinations and tests for illness (i.e. COVID-19 and the flu) were determined on a state-by-state basis, resulting in different policies for pharmacists and patients in different states. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government temporarily put in place **one national set of policies across all states allowing pharmacists to provide routine vaccinations and tests for illness (i.e. COVID-19 and the flu).**

ADULTS SUPPORT:

70% EXTENDING THESE POLICIES

68% MAKING THESE POLICIES PERMANENT

ADULTS WHO RECEIVED 1ST OR 2ND COVID-19 VACCINE AT A PHARMACY SUPPORT:

80% EXTENDING THESE POLICIES

78% MAKING THESE POLICIES PERMANENT

ADULTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER AT A PHARMACY SUPPORT:

85% EXTENDING THESE POLICIES

84% MAKING THESE POLICIES PERMANENT

A majority of adults say extending these policies would have a mostly positive effect on...

	MOSTLY POSITIVE	NO IMPACT EITHER WAY	MOSTLY NEGATIVE
LOWERING COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION RATES	61%	35%	4%
LOWERING COVID-19 DEATHS	60%	35%	5%
LOWERING COVID-19 CASES	57%	36%	6%
ABILITY TO FIND COVID-19 SYMPTOM CARE	60%	34%	6%
HEALTH EQUITY	60%	34%	6%
CONVENIENCE OF ROUTINE VACCINATIONS	66%	27%	7%
CONVENIENCE OF TESTS FOR ILLNESSES	66%	28%	6%
QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES AVAILABLE	57%	35%	8%
PATIENT ABILITY TO CATCH UP ON MISSED VACCINES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC	64%	30%	6%

A majority of adults support the continuation of policies that allow...



PHARMACISTS TO ORDER AND ADMINISTER ALL ROUTINELY RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR THOSE 3 TO 18 YEARS OLD



PHARMACISTS TO ORDER AND ADMINISTER COVID-19 VACCINES TO PERSONS 3 YEARS AND OLDER



PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER CHILDHOOD VACCINES, COVID VACCINES AND COVID TESTS



PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER SEASON INFLUENZA (FLU) VACCINES TO ADULTS



PHARMACISTS TO ORDER AND ADMINISTER SELECT COVID-19 ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS*



PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER SELECT COVID-19 ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS

LEGEND



% Support



% Oppose



% Don't Know / No Opinion

*While an amendment to the PREP Act authorized this, the Emergency Use Authorization for the antivirals did not empower pharmacists to order them.

A majority of adults were more likely to support extending the national policies when they heard...

57% MORE THAN 30% OF CHILDREN AGES 5 – 11 WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION HAVE DONE SO AT A PHARMACY.

57% HALF OF PHARMACY COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES ARE LOCATED IN AREAS WITH HIGH SOCIAL VULNERABILITY.

57% 70% OF PHARMACY TESTING SITES ARE IN AREAS WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE SOCIAL VULNERABILITY.

55% MORE THAN 40% OF THOSE VACCINATE AT PHARMACIES ARE FROM RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS.

63% THERE IS A PHARMACY WITHIN FIVE MILES OF 90% OF AMERICANS.

Americans indicated they find concerning these potential negative outcomes of a return to state-by-state policies regarding pharmacy pandemic authorities...

	CONCERNING	NOT CONCERNING	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
LIMITED ACCESS TO VACCINES FOR COMMON ILLNESS (I.E. COVID-19 AND THE FLU)	67%	22%	11%
LIMITED ACCESS TO TESTING FOR COMMON ILLNESS (I.E. COVID-19 AND THE FLU)	67%	23%	11%
SLOWER ROLLOUT OF POTENTIAL FUTURE COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS	63%	25%	12%
SLOWER RESPONSE TIME FOR FUTURE COVID-19 VARIANTS	65%	24%	12%
INCONSISTENT POLICIES FOR PATIENTS IN DIFFERENT STATES	67%	21%	12%
INEQUITY IN ACCESS FOR PATIENTS IN DIFFERENT STATES	65%	23%	13%