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**MEMORANDUM**

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Commissioner

TO: Pharmacists and Pharmacy Interns

FROM: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board)

DATE: June 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Pharmacist Scope of Practice Expansion with COVID-19 Issues

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**Background:**

Pharmacists are frequently the healthcare professionals most accessible to the public and are well positioned to provide assistance with COVID-19 issues. However, their scope of practice has not traditionally included ordering and administering tests, or administering vaccines that have not been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

**Board Action:**

On June 12, 2020, the Board voted to expand the scope of practice for pharmacists and pharmacy interns to include the ordering, administration, reading, and reporting of results of FDA-authorized COVID-19 tests as outlined in future Board guidance.

The Board also voted to expand the scope of practice for pharmacists and pharmacy interns to include the administration of investigational and FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines as outlined in future Board guidance.