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To contact the Board directly, visit its website at dchealth.dc.gov/service/board-pharmacy. Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the

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even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August, October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board meetings will be held via Webex during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The link will be posted on the Board website.

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, August 4, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of March 8, 2022	
Pharmacists	2,092
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	758
Pharmacy Interns	794
Pharmacy Technicians	980
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	207
Pharmacy Technician Programs	15
Pharmaceutical Detailers	483

Naloxone Dispensing in the District of Columbia

Fatal opioid overdoses are increasing in the District of Columbia. We as health care professionals must be aware of all the ways we can assist our community. First, ensure that all pharmacy staff are aware that naloxone can be dispensed without a prescription pursuant to a standing order. Pharmacists must have completed a training program and have the standing order signed by a DC-licensed physician. DC Health’s training program can be found at the [DC Center for Rational](#)

Prescribing (DCRx). The pharmacist-in-charge must complete the written standing order and have a training course certificate of completion. Documents must be maintained and available upon request by the Board. Second, we must be familiar with all the pharmacies that provide naloxone, free of charge, with locations in every ward. For the most current list, visit the [DC Health website](#). Third, remember **888-111**. The Department of Behavioral Health utilizes this number so DC residents can text **LiveLongDC** to 888-111 to receive information on where they can access free naloxone kits across the District. No cost, prescription, or identification is required to get the naloxone. Additionally, individuals who live in DC and want naloxone delivered directly to them can text **DELIVER**, and a peer will call and confidentially arrange delivery. Last, we strongly encourage you to carry naloxone and educate others to do the same. Anyone can save a life during an opioid overdose with naloxone.

COVID-19 Vaccine Records Available in New Portal

The digital vaccine record (DVR) has been launched by DC Health and is an official electronic vaccine record. DVR gives District residents secure, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act-compliant access to their official COVID-19 vaccination records. Information on the portal comes from the District of Columbia's immunization information system and can be accessed on smart phones, tablets, and laptops. It also includes a QR code that, when scanned, displays the same information found on your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine card. The information provided on the portal will be accepted by places that require proof of immunization and can be used in select states and countries outside the United States.

To request a DVR, complete this [online form](#) to receive a link to a QR code and digital copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record. The link will be sent to your email or mobile phone. After entering your four-digit PIN, your COVID-19 vaccination information, including your name, date of birth, vaccination date(s), and vaccine manufacturer, can be accessed. You will have 24 hours from the time you receive the link to access the record. If you are an iPhone user, the digital record can be saved to your device. Important information to note is that your booster dose(s) will not automatically appear on your record. It is recommended that you wait 10 days after a new dose to resubmit the form to request a new DVR. For more information on the DVR, visit [DC Health](#).

Pharmacist Vaccination and Immunization Authority

Pharmacists have played a major role in immunizing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board requests that all pharmacists apply for vaccination and immunization authority. In order to vaccinate in the District, you must have a separate authorization to immunize. To apply, visit the [DC Health website](#). Once you have logged in, click "Apply for Additional Authority and CS." There is a \$50 fee for the license, and it must be renewed, along with your pharmacist license, by February 28 of odd-numbered years.

District of Columbia Board Thanks You

The Board would like to send thanks to all pharmacists, interns, and technicians who completed the workplace survey. The Board appreciates all who took the time to give their feedback.

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