



# WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

*newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance*

## ***Board Welcomes New Chief Compliance Officer***

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy introduces new Chief Compliance Officer Michael C. LeMasters, PharmD, RPh. Dr LeMasters received his doctor of pharmacy degree from West Virginia University and holds numerous certifications and experience in substance use disorder and drug diversion. He has extensive experience in a variety of practice settings, including multiple community settings and collaborative practice agreements. Dr LeMasters will bring his enthusiasm, experience, and guidance to the Board team. Tom Robinette remains with the Board to assist Dr LeMasters in the transition and will be assuming assorted additional roles.

## ***2022 West Virginia Legislative Session Update***

The West Virginia 2022 Legislative Session concluded on March 12, 2022, with several pharmacy-related bills passing this session. They include updates to pharmacy practice rules, collaborative pharmacy practice, a donated drug repository bill, and a consumer choice for pharmacy services bill. Once the legislation is completed with Governor Jim Justice's signature, comprehensive summaries of the changes will be provided.

## ***West Virginia COVID-19 Vaccination Updates***

As we approach the summer and what could be the next coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) surge, the Board will continue to provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updates for vaccination. Please recognize that these come directly from the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

### ***National Pharmacy Compliance News***

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As West Virginia immunization practices are based on ACIP recommendations, these are provided to you for ease of use. They are not the opinion of the Board but provided for your use directly from the CDC and ACIP. These updates can be found [here](#).

### ***Fraudulent Prescriptions***

The Board is now providing a location for pharmacists to reference fraudulent prescriptions. Once the information is verified with the prescriber that there is a breach of prescription security and permission granted, pharmacists will be notified and the information can be referenced on the Board's [website](#). This new section on the website has been well received by pharmacists and prescribers alike.

### ***West Virginia Pharmacy Workload Study***

There were 1,848 individuals who completed all or part of the survey. The West Virginia Pharmacy Workload Task Force members have been meeting to formulate recommendations for the Board to address findings from the West Virginia Pharmacy Workload Study. The Board looks forward to bringing you those recommendations and additional details of the report.

### ***Board Investigating Complaints of Workload Patient Safety Concerns***

In addition to the work that the Workload Task Force is doing, the Board is investigating complaints related to pharmacy workload and patient safety concerns. As a reminder, any individual may make a complaint to the Board concerning a licensee or registrant and the Board may accept an anonymous complaint if the information provided is adequate to begin an investigation. A complaint can be filed with the Board by visiting the website [here](#).

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