

*Title:* COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:  
Temporary Closure of Pharmacies

Policy No. I.D.14

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Extended: 11-18-2020

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1. The Board office received inquiries from a few pharmacies indicating their need to temporarily close, secondary to confirmed exposure to SARS-CoV-2, for thorough cleaning. The pharmacies asked what procedures were required.
  2. While there are rules relative to permanent closure (§1133) and relocation (§1137), there are no rules relative to temporary closure.
  3. The Board President directed staff to inform the pharmacies of the following guidance:
    - A. The pharmacy should notify its clients and the Board of the estimated duration of the temporary closure.
    - B. The pharmacy should provide guidance to their clients on how to obtain their new or refilled medications during the temporary closure.
  4. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members voted to extend this interim policy until the conclusion of the public health emergency unless terminated sooner.