

**Louisiana Board of Pharmacy**

**Policies & Procedures**

*Title:* COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:  
State of Emergency

Policy No. I.D.1

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1. §519 – *State of Emergency* references the state statute authorizing the governor to declare a state of emergency following a natural disaster. It does not reference the statute authorizing the governor to declare a state of emergency for a public health emergency.
  
  2. The Board President interpreted the rule to apply to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but only with reference to the authority for dispensing emergency prescriptions in Paragraph A.1. In the absence of need for authorizing pharmacists to practice in a declared disaster area, the interpretation did not extend to Paragraph A.2 of the rule.