

Title: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:
Sterile Compounding Allowances
CDC Recommendations

Policy No. I.D.2

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1. §2535 – *General Standards* requires compliance with various chapters of USP relative to the compounding of sterile and nonsterile preparations. With respect to the standards for sterile compounding in USP Chapter 797, compliance requires use of various types of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 2. With various types of PPE in shortage, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed recommendations for healthcare facilities and providers to achieve the best level of control in their sterile compounding activities.
 3. The Board President authorized pharmacies compounding sterile preparations to vary from USP standards when adhering to CDC recommendations.
 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.