



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4729:5-3-21 Point of dispensing locations during a public health emergency.

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(A) A board of health, as defined in section 3701.048 of the Revised Code, that is licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may temporarily remove dangerous drugs upon the governor's declaration of an emergency that affects the public health.

(B) The dangerous drugs removed from a location licensed as a terminal distributor shall be used to establish a point of dispensing location or locations in the event of a declared public health emergency to administer, deliver, dispense, or distribute drugs in accordance with protocols developed pursuant to section 3701.048 of the Revised Code.

(C) The dangerous drugs shall be returned to the board of health within seventy-two hours of the cessation of the public health emergency. An individual listed in divisions (B) and (C) of section 3701.048 of the Revised Code shall maintain personal supervision and control over the dangerous drugs removed from the terminal distributor.

(D) If personal supervision is not provided, the dangerous drugs shall be physically secured in a manner to prevent unauthorized access and diversion. The drugs shall be stored at temperatures which will ensure the integrity of the drugs prior to their use as stipulated by the USP/NF and/or the manufacturer's or distributor's labeling.

(E) All point of dispensing sites established in accordance with this rule shall cease to operate upon the cessation of the public health emergency but may be extended at the request of the director of health.

(F) The board's executive director, upon consultation with the board president, may grant variances or extensions to the requirements set forth in this rule if it is determined that such a variance is in the public interest.