**ORDER FROM THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

On March 15, 2020, Governor Janet Mills declared a State of Emergency to respond to the spread of COVID-19. The Maine DHHS has approved and authorized me to take actions, incur such liabilities, and establish such rules, requirements, and procedures which are necessary to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and welfare of the people of Maine, consistent with the Governor’s declaration.

On March 18, 2020, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services issued an Order authorizing Maine pharmacies and pharmacists to compound and sell hand sanitizer over the counter (“OTC”).

Having received authorization from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, with the approval of the Governor, I issue the following Order:

Maine pharmacies and pharmacists may compound and sell hand sanitizer to customers over the counter (OTC). The pharmacy and pharmacist shall comply with USP <795>, and with any other requirements published by the Board of Registration in Pharmacy, including but not limited to those provisions for record keeping, labeling, storage, and pricing. All applicable statues, regulations, and guidance not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the State of Emergency is terminated by the Governor, or until rescinded by me, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Maine Department of Health and Human Services

March 18, 2020

Update to March 18, 2020 Maine Department of Health and Human Services Standing Order authorizing Maine pharmacies and pharmacists to compound and sell hand sanitizer over the counter (“OTC”).

Per USP recommendations, in addition to the formulations provided in the March 2020 federal Food and Drug Administration Policy for Temporary Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency, Maine pharmacies and pharmacists may compound and sell hand sanitizer over the counter (OTC) that is 60% isopropyl alcohol so long as it conforms to the formulation set forth by USP (<https://www.usp.org/sites/default/files/usp/document/about/public-policy/usp-covid19-handrub.pdf>)

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the State of Emergency is terminated by the Governor, or until rescinded by me, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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March 20, 2020