

Board of Pharmacy Update – February 2021

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board’s website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The [Enforcement and Compounding Committee](#) met January 20. The agenda, materials and a recorded webcast of the meeting are posted online.
- The [Licensing](#) and [Communications and Public Education](#) met January 27. Agenda, materials and recorded webcasts of the meetings are posted online.
- The Board met January 27-28. Agendas, materials, recorded webcasts, and a list of actions taken at the meeting are posted online under “[Full Board Meetings.](#)”
- The California Department of Public Health issued [new guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccine administration](#). A [notice from the Board](#) about the new guidance is posted in the “COVID-19 Information Box” on the Board’s website.
- The Board’s office has reopened to the public following the statewide lifting of Regional Stay at Home Orders. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff and visitors are expected to continue following pandemic safety guidelines, including wearing masks, physical distancing, and hand hygiene.

Coming up:

- The Board’s office will be closed Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents Day, a state holiday.
- The [Compounding and Enforcement Committee](#) will host a WebEx meeting February 18 to hear public comment and receive information on the practice of “white bagging.” Information about the meeting will be posted online.
- The CPJE will be administered February 19. Upcoming [CPJE test dates in 2021](#) and additional information and forms regarding pharmacist examination and licensure are posted online under “[Apply for a Personal License.](#)”

A final word:

- A new law effective January 1, 2021, allows refugees, asylum seekers, and holders of special immigrant visas to seek an expedited licensure process from the Board of Pharmacy. Information is available on the Board’s website under “[Apply for a Personal License](#)” and [also from the Department of Consumer Affairs](#).
- The Board continues to receive reports of licensees victimized by scam callers claiming to represent the Board or another government agency. Information about [how scam calls work and how to protect yourself](#) is posted online.

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