

# Pharmacists Can Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19



## Prepare the Pharmacy

- Provide supplies – tissues, hand sanitizer- in waiting and common areas
- Place chairs in waiting areas 3-6 feet apart, when possible
- Use barriers (like screens), if possible



## Educate Patients about COVID-19

- Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath; Emphasize [hand hygiene](#) and cough etiquette; Hang [educational signs](#) in waiting areas
- There are no FDA approved drugs for the treatment of COVID-19; [Studies](#) are ongoing



## Enhance Prescription Delivery Services

- Offer delivery services or curbside medication pick-up, especially to high-risk patients
- If prescription delivery services not available, encourage drive-through pick-up services
- Enforce social distancing in pick-up areas



## Separate Sick Patients

- Provide symptomatic patients with tissues or facemasks to cover mouth and nose
- Establish a process for reducing or eliminating the amount of time high-risk patients wait in the pharmacy



## Quickly Triage Sick Patients

- Instruct [high-risk](#) symptomatic patients to contact their healthcare provider and provide them with [additional information](#)
- Instruct low-risk symptomatic patients to stay home and provide them with [additional information](#)



## Stay Home When Sick

- Anyone who develops respiratory symptoms should not report to work
- Follow [CDC guidance](#) on monitoring and work restrictions for healthcare personal potentially exposed to COVID-19



## Implement Infection Prevention Procedures

- Regularly [clean](#) counters, waiting areas, and other spaces where public interaction occurs; Clean at least every hour or after every 10 patients, whichever is more frequent
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently and for at least 20 seconds



## Stay Informed

- This is an evolving situation so be sure to check the [VDH COVID-19](#) website and the [CDC COVID-19](#) website frequently for updates and new guidance
- Consider becoming a [Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer](#)