

# COVID-19 in the United States: ASHP Response

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# About ASHP

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## 55,000 Members

Pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in Hospitals and Health Systems.

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## 79 Years and going strong

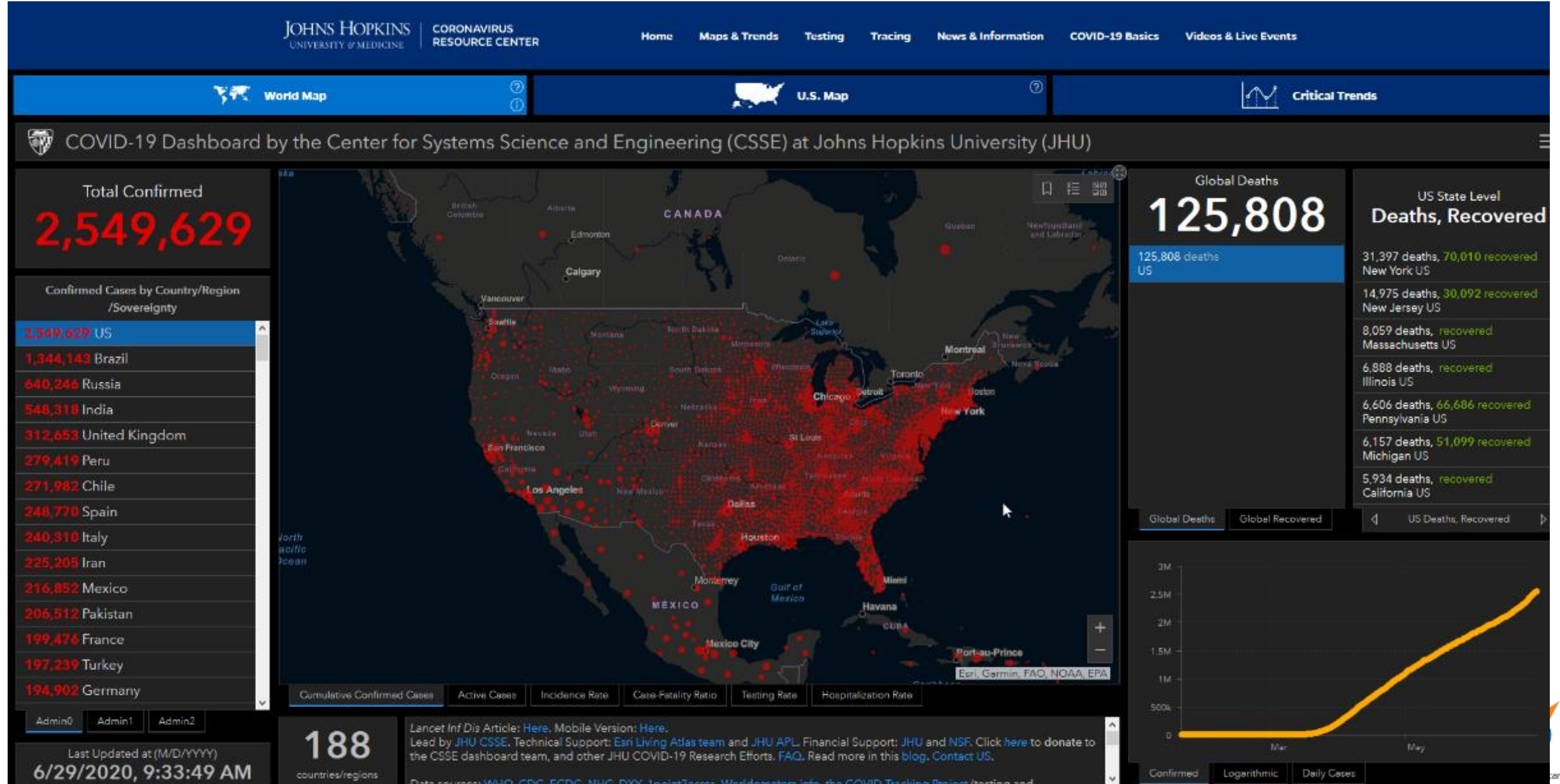
Founded in 1942. Elected board of directors and officers and 200+ staff. Located near Washington, DC.

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## Core Strengths

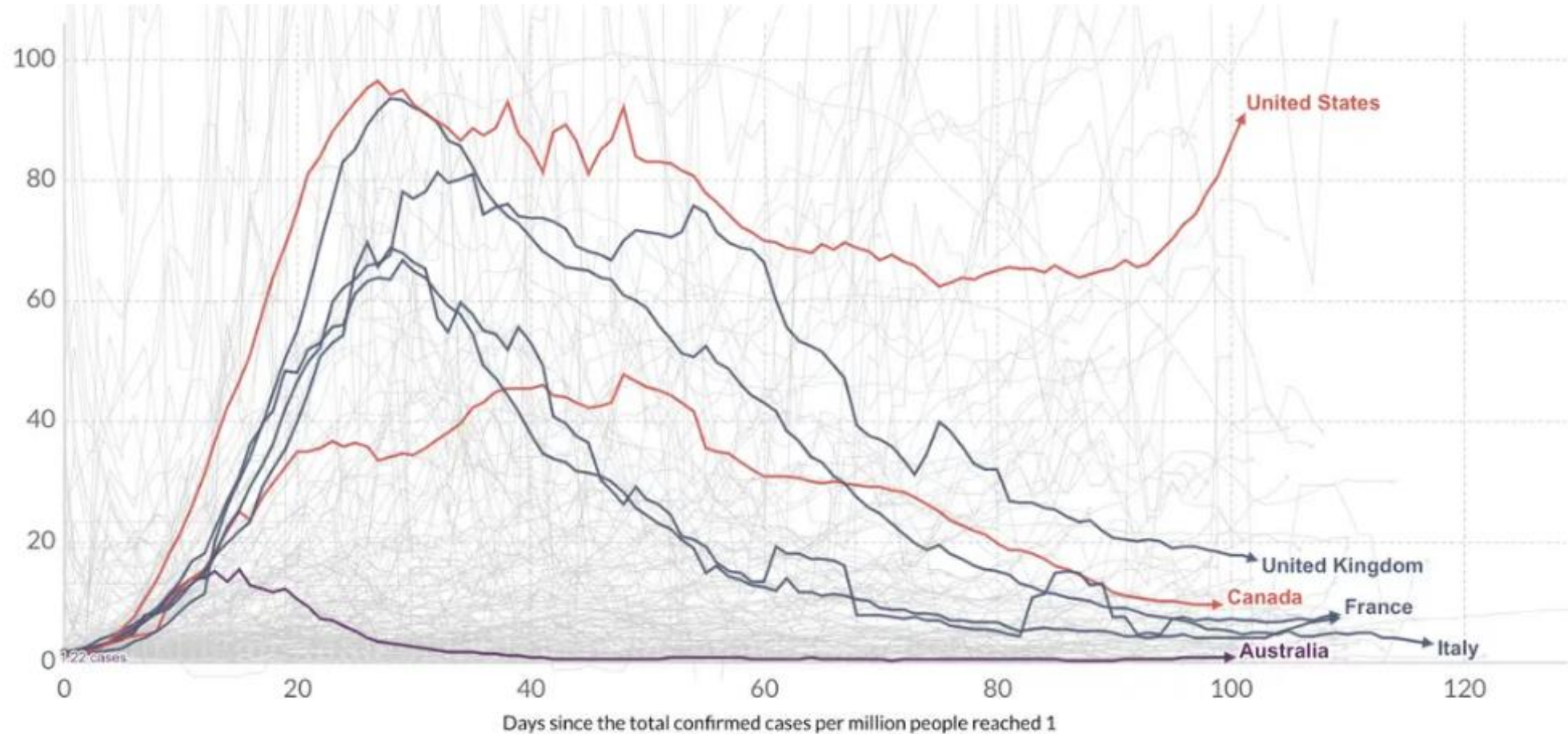
Leadership, publishing, meetings, advocacy, accreditation, education, membership.

# COVID-19 in the United States





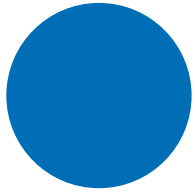
# Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people



Source: European CDC - Situation Update Worldwide - Data last updated 24th Jun, 05:50 (GMT-04:00), European CDC - Situation Update Worldwide

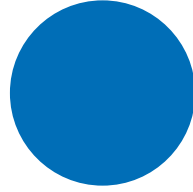
# Impact on Members and Care Delivery

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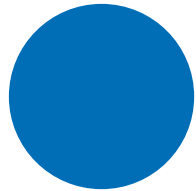
## Shortages/Supply Chain

Medications used for ventilated patients, HCQ, PPE, Remdesivir, Dexamethasone



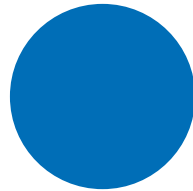
## New Methods of Delivering Care

Telehealth, remote order review/approval, med histories by phone



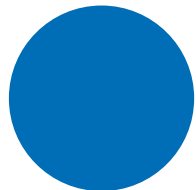
## Volume/Capacity

ICUs at capacity, temporary ICU beds, temporary/surge hospitals



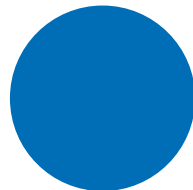
## Staff Competency for ICU Care

Caring for 500% increase in ICU patients.



## New Treatments/Testing

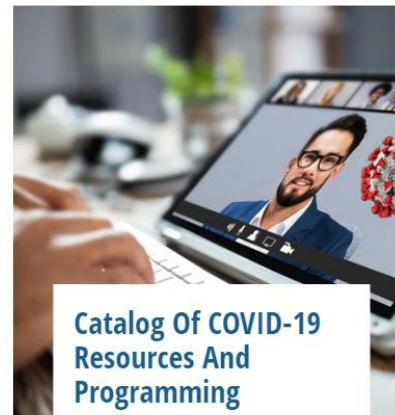
HCQ, Remdesivir, COVID-19 testing



## Non-Covid-19 Regional Impact

Elective surgeries cancelled, patient volumes down, negative financial impact

# ASHP COVID-19 Resource Center



[ashp.org/covid-19](https://ashp.org/covid-19)

# Evidence-based resources and tools



COVID-19 microsite optimizing essential COVID-19 information and resources



ASHP CareerPharm Rapid Connect, a free service connecting pharmacy professionals to hospitals and other organizations during the pandemic



COVID-19 Pandemic Assessment Tool for Health-System Pharmacy Departments



Planning and Preparation Considerations for Alternate Care Site/Field Hospital Operations



Recommendations for Minimizing Exposure from COVID-19 at Home and in Outpatient Settings



Considerations for Prioritizing Medications for Mechanically Ventilated Patients



Tips for Taking Care of Yourself During the Pandemic

# Skill Development



MORE THAN  
**57,000**  
ENROLLED

ASHP's Critical Care Pharmacy Specialty Review Course, Practice Exam, and Core Therapeutic Modules package available free for a limited time



NEARLY  
**500**  
ENROLLED

Pharmacy Competency Assessment Center: Emergency Preparedness and Pharmacy Competency Assessment Center: Infection Prevention



# Clinical Guidance



ASHP's Assessment of Evidence for COVID-19 Treatments – a regularly updated evidence table providing clinical guidance to help frontline clinicians and other practitioners better understand current therapeutic approaches, has been downloaded more than **20,000** times



Open access to AHFS Drug Information® for a limited time, resulting in a usage increase of 1,159% and more than **17,000 new users**



Open access to ASHP's Interactive Handbook on Injectable Drugs for a limited time, resulting in a usage increase of 728% and more than **19,000 new users**

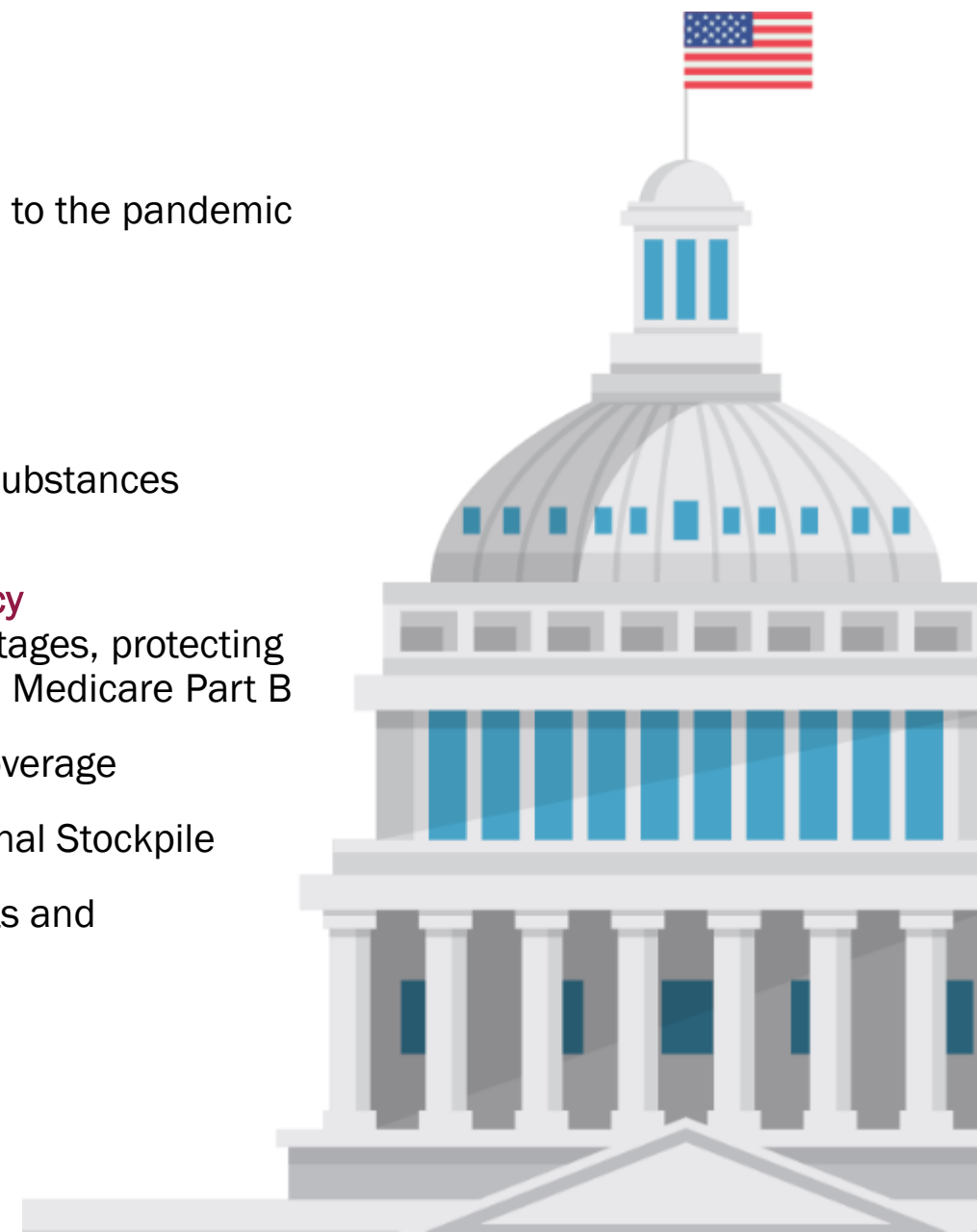


Nearly **6,000 downloads** of ASHP's Recommendations for Stewardship of Off-Label Treatments for COVID-19

# Policy and Advocacy Actions

ASHP has been actively engaged at the state and federal level on issues critical to the pandemic response, including:

- **Drug shortage provisions** included in federal COVID-19 relief law
- Flexibilities for **sterile compounding** announced by FDA
- Increased annual production quota allocations for Schedule II controlled substances provided by DEA
- Collaboration with national healthcare organizations to advance **joint policy recommendations** to the Administration and Congress for preventing shortages, protecting healthcare workers from infection, and recognizing pharmacist services in Medicare Part B
- Inclusion of pharmacist-provided incident-to services in CMS telehealth coverage
- Working with state affiliates to request resources from the Strategic National Stockpile
- Issue briefs on shortages, telehealth, CMS flexibilities, and diagnostic tests and immunizations
- Federal and state **pharmacy readiness recommendations**



# From the Front Lines



## PODCASTS

Our daily ASHP Official podcast has dedicated 39 episodes to the pandemic, with more than **23,000 downloads**



## WEBINARS

Free Covid-19 webinar series, reaching nearly **9,000 attendees**



# Keeping a Pulse on Issues



**COVID-19 Connect Community** includes 55,000 professionals engaged in more than 1,200 discussion topics



Weekly **PULSE surveys** to collate answers on issues pharmacists are managing



Biweekly **surveys on pharmacy resources** such as PPE, staffing, and medications



# Conclusions

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## Pharmacists need assistance

- Information
- Advocacy
- Training/education
- Resources/best practices

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## Professional association role

- Well positioned to help
- Established communication channels
- Listening to needs, where to help

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## What's next?

- What is the new “normal”
- Telehealth
- Vaccines, treatments, next wave



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