

MISSOURI BOARD OF PHARMACY

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The Board has received an increasing number of questions regarding COVID-19 testing. To assist licensees, please see the following COVID-19 testing resources from CMS:

- [How to Obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver](#)
- [Test or Not to Test? Considerations for Waived Testing](#)

Additional testing resources are available on the Board's COVID-19 webpage. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has asked the Board to provide the following additional information:

(The following information has been provided by DHSS; Questions regarding CLIA certification should be addressed to DHSS Division of Regulation and Licensure at 573-751-6318. The Board cannot answer questions regarding CLIA Certification)

Pharmacies planning to perform any COVID-19 testing must apply for a CLIA certificate from DHSS. Your lab/pharmacy will only be allowed to perform tests classified per your certificate: Waived, **Compliance** with Moderate or High complexity. If your application lists a test that your certificate does not allow you to perform, (for example, if you are applying for a waived certificate and you list a COVID antibody test which is high complexity) your application will be denied. Verification of test complexity (waived, moderate or high) can be completed on FDA's website at:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#covid19ivd>

Pharmacies with a CLIA-waiver may only provide CLIA-waived COVID-19 testing. Not all COVID-19 tests currently on the market are CLIA-waived tests.

DHSS has provided the following additional resources:

1. [CMS comparison of COVID-19 testing & testing requirements chart](#)

