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Subject: Update: Advocacy-Pharmacists’s Role in COVID Just Expanded a Lot, FDA Fellowship Opens for P4s, P4 Careers, Does Tiger King get better?

Everybody: NACDS Just issued an important press release on the role of pharmacists in COVID care. Here are some important snippets:

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) today welcomed new federal guidance authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests that the FDA has authorized. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, issued the guidance under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act.

Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar said in a statement: "Giving pharmacists the authorization to order and administer COVID-19 tests to their patients means easier access to testing for Americans who need it. Pharmacists play a vital role in delivering convenient access to important public health services and information. The Trump Administration is pleased to give pharmacists the chance to play a bigger role in the COVID-19 response, alongside all of America's heroic healthcare workers."

HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Brett P. Giroir, M.D., said in the same statement: ""In an effort to expand testing capabilities, we are authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests to their patients. The accessibility and distribution of retail and independent community-based pharmacies make pharmacists the first point of contact with a healthcare professional for many Americans. This will further expand testing for Americans, particularly our healthcare workers and first responders who are working around the clock to provide care, compassion and safety to others."

P4's: Interested in Industry or Federal or Research position? See attached announcement for a one-year FDA ORISE Fellowship Program for Training in Policy Development and Regulatory Science. The application deadline for the OCP Policy and Research Fellowship is Thursday, April 30, 2020. The anticipated fellowship start date is between late Summer to early Fall 2020. For more information about FDA ORISE fellowships, please visit orise.orau.gov/fda.

P4 Graduation Book
A reminder to complete the Google form as soon as possible, but no later than Monday April 13 for the 2020 Graduation Book. Class of 2020 Graduation Book
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Nelson.
**P4 Career Plans**
A reminder to please provide your post-graduation job/residency/fellowship position here: [https://forms.gle/Q82webLs58SxjGrGA](https://forms.gle/Q82webLs58SxjGrGA).

**Anyone?** I took your advice and watched first 3 episodes of *Tiger King*... This series better improve soon or I am not taking any more video binge-ing advice from you...
My choice tonight, A) More Tiger King or B) *The Farewell movie* Which one should I choose?

I am *grooving* to the COP COVID Spotify Playlist that all of you have put together. There are over 140 songs on it! Good stuff!  [https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0H03vSXT9FEoJAnbwWrpT7](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0H03vSXT9FEoJAnbwWrpT7)

**UM COP-VID Playlist on Spotify**
open.spotify.com
The official playlist of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. Share some of your favorite tunes with fellow students and faculty so we can all keep a smile on our face during this challenging time.

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