

Public Health Committee

Report to the KPhA House of Delegates

Committee Members: Melissa Burgess, Jessica Chilton, Kim Croley, Lindsey Dunwoody, Cathy Hanna, Jody Jagers, Adrienne Matson, Michele Pinkston, Lindsey Smith-Hardin, JoAnne Taheri, Joel Thornbury

Actions of the Committee:

October 27th, 2020

Topics discussed were an update on COVID-19 Vaccine Planning by Michele Pinkston, Pharm.D. and formation of a COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook to develop processes and guidelines for pharmacies and pharmacists.

Michele will continue to work with KDPH and pharmacies in the state to determine needs for COVID-19 vaccine planning.

A subcommittee was formed and will develop a vaccine playbook based upon KDPH and CDC recommendations that were released in September and October 2020.

The issue of Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) enrollment by pharmacists was raised, and we feel it should be a priority of this committee to ensure everyone is registered and the documentation via software is set up to enable patient vaccine administration information to be transmitted automatically to the KYIR. This is also a requirement by HHS to report to the state vaccine registry in order to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine.

CPR/BLS training was also discussed as a possible barrier due to COVID-19 restrictions as it is a requirement for administration. A survey monkey will be sent out to members regarding their BLS status and if training may be needed in the next few months to help identify “pods” in the state that could be aided by KPhA to get the live training necessary (live training required by OSHA).

Recommendations submitted to House of Delegates:

A motion was made by Joel Thornbury, Pharm.D. and seconded and approved by the committee to advance to the KPhA Board of Directors and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy:

Every pharmacist or pharmacy intern that gives vaccines must register with the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) and report all vaccine administration documentation to KYIR. This includes completing all training necessary to administer and document per government guidelines.