



Notice to Pharmacies that Provide COVID-19 Testing and Treat COVID-19 Waste On-site

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Until further notice, TCEQ will exercise enforcement discretion for all pharmacies that provide COVID-19 testing and treat COVID-19 waste on-site using an approved treatment method. These pharmacies are required to maintain records as prescribed under [30 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\), Chapter 326](#), Sections 326.39(b) and 326.41(b). Once the medical waste is treated, it may be managed as routine municipal solid waste in accordance with 30 TAC 326.39(c) and 326.41(c).

Additionally, until further notice, TCEQ will exercise enforcement discretion on the following requirements for pharmacies that provide COVID-19 testing:

- The Medical Waste Transporter registration and fee requirements in 30 TAC 326.53 and 326.87; and
- The Medical Waste Mobile Treatment Unit registration and fee requirements in 30 TAC 326.55 and 326.87.

However, Medical Waste Transporters and Mobile Treatment Units managing Medical Waste from these pharmacies are still required to comply with vehicle, packaging, labeling, manifesting, and shipping requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 326, Subchapter B.