MISSOURI'S PHARMACISTS - MPA **IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES**

Pharmacists are a valued member of the healthcare team and data shows that there is a need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. The potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services is great, improving health equity and access to care.



QUALIFIED



Courses focused on pharmacotherapy, patient education, disease management, and clinical decision-making.



Pharmacists take the North America Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) & Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).



Many pharmacists complete Post-Graduate Residencies, Fellowships, and/or Board Certification in specialty areas.

As of 2004, all pharmacy school graduates earn the **PharmD** degree...a doctorate dearee to reflect the increased complexity of pharmacotherapy and advanced training required for adequate provision of patient care.

Pharmacists are the Most Accessible Healthcare Professionals



89% Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy²

TEST & TREAT

Pharmacists and pharmacies are increasingly offering this public health service of test and treat to promote prevention, early detection, and disease management. Patients are referred when appropriate.



& others

Annually, Americans visit their pharmacy 35 times vs. 4 times

at their primary care provider.³

ACCESSIBLE

Number of pharmacies is 15% higher

than number of provider's offices

in communities where more than 30% of households live in poverty.⁴



Since May 2020, there has been a 200% increase in the # of pharmacies with CLIA/point of care waivers in the U.S., leading to more pharmacist accessibility for patient care services.⁵

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT



Approximately 50% of all adults in the U.S. have one or more chronic disease conditions ⁶

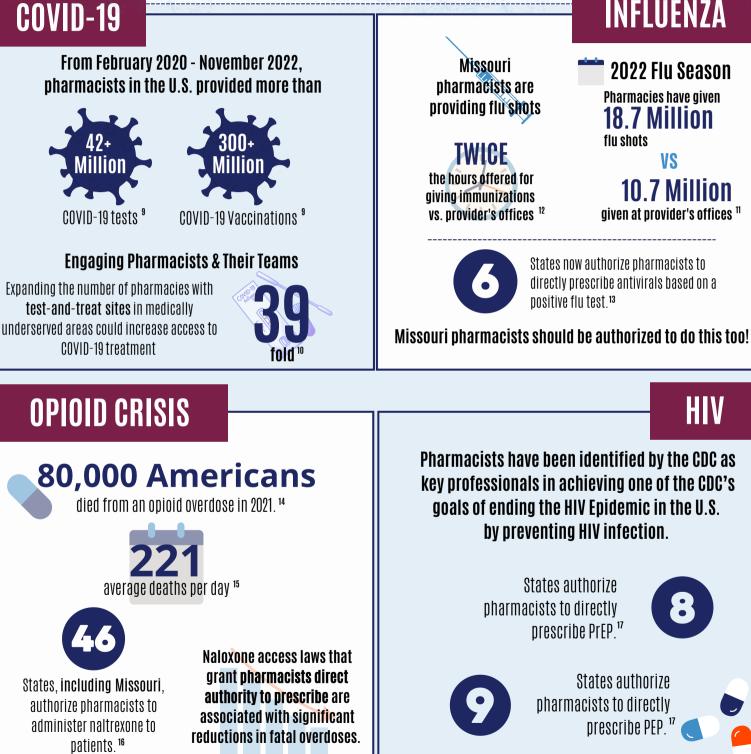


Chronic conditions account for over 85% of total U.S. health care costs ⁷



Saved for every \$1 spent on pharmacist service.⁸

INFLUENZA



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