Protocols for Curbside Medication Dispensing: Patients Parking vs. Patients Arriving on Foot or Dropped off

Note: The tables below suggest workflows for two types of patient arrivals: 1) patients arriving by (and remaining in) an individual vehicle, and 2) patients arriving on foot, by public transportation, or dropped off. One staff member may perform multiple roles.

For Patients Arriving by Individual Vehicle and Parking

Role	Staff Name	Responsibilities and Workflow
Supervisor		✓ Assigns posts the day prior
		✓ Distributes PPE
		✓ Monitors flow/operations
		✓ Monitors breaks and rotates posts as needed
		✓ Makes sure staff are at assigned posts with visible ID badges
Coordinator		✓ Obtains patient identification
		✓ Obtains car description/color and make
		✓ Communicates information for check-in
Parking Spotter		✓ Directs patient into parking spot and instructs them to remain in vehicle
		✓ Communicates patient ID/car information/parking spot # (row and space)
Check-In Clerk		✓ Checks patient into dispensing system
		✓ Confirms patient information and states if patient needs toxicology screen/BAC
Courier		✓ Obtains patient ID and instructions from check-in clerk
		 ✓ Gets BAC or toxicology screen for patients (if applicable)
		✓ Collects medication from dispensing nurse and puts medication in bag
		✓ Returns to vehicle with medication and confirms patient ID and number of take-home bottles
		✓ Hands medication to patient after confirmation through vehicle window
Dispensing Nurse		✓ Checks identifiers and dispenses medication
Back-Up Dispensing Nurse		✓ Available to verify doses, read PPDs, and assess patients as needed
		✓ Backs up dispensing nurse for breaks
Dispensing Assistant		✓ Makes sure bottles are securely capped and places labels on bottles
		✓ Counts bottles, places them in bag, and uses extra label to seal bag
		✓ Verifies information and hands to courier

Tips:

- ✓ Staff must use PPE as required by federal, state, and local regulations.
- ✓ Patient identification could include government-issued, clinic-issued, or other form of photo ID.
- ✓ Use radios or cell phones to limit the need to go back and forth into the clinic. (*Note: Do not text protected health information.*)
- ✓ Have a tent or screen set up to give privacy to patients being dropped off or who are required to give a toxicology or BAC screen.

Please refer to federal, state, and local regulatory agencies' guidance for the most up-to-date information.

For Patients Arriving on Foot, by Public Transportation, or Dropped off

Role	Staff Name	Responsibilities and Work Flow
Supervisor		✓ Assigns posts the day prior
		✓ Monitors flow/operations
		✓ Monitors breaks and rotates posts as needed
		✓ Makes sure staff are at assigned posts with badges
COVID-19 Screener		✓ Asks COVID screening questions and takes temperatures
		✓ If positive screen, directs to isolation area and provides mask
		✓ If negative, directs to tent/privacy screen area
Coordinator		✓ Obtains patient identification
		✓ Seats patient in tent
		✓ Communicates spot number and patient information for check-in
Check-In Clerk		✓ Checks patient into dispensing system
		✓ Confirms patient information and states if patient needs toxicology screen/BAC
Courier		✓ Obtains patient ID and instructions from check-in clerk
		 ✓ Gets BAC or toxicology screen for patients (if applicable)
		✓ Collects medication from dispensing nurse and puts medication in bag
		✓ Returns to tent with medication and confirms patient ID and number of take-home bottles
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