

# **Prescription Importation Update**

Safe and Affordable. Now.

### **Gauging the Impact of the Coronavirus on Prescription Drug Patients**

COVID-19 is affecting people around the world. From patients struggling with the illness, families struggling with the loss of loved ones, frontline workers facing down tragedy with limited supplies, climbing unemployment, and everyday citizens trying to adjust to new normals.

We are working to gage the impact of Covid-19 on Americans' access to prescription drugs. We know that mail-order prescriptions climbed more 21% in March 2020 compared to 2019. Answer our two question survey and help us inform government decision makers and the public as to whether access to prescriptions has been impacted. Take the survey.

Our priority is access to safe and affordable medications. Licensed, legitimate online pharmacies in Canada continue to fulfill orders for daily health maintenance medications. We want to do everything we can to provide you with information that you can trust.

For information on how to find a pharmacy you can trust to access affordable medications, <u>please</u> <u>visit this page</u>.

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### **Social Media Posts of the Month:**

Facebook – April 30

"Lifesaving prescription drugs are useless if you can't afford them. Millions live with conditions worsened by COVID19," say members of Congress in a letter led by @RepSusanWild. Let Congress know that safe affordable medication is available through personal importation <a href="https://personalimportation.org/contact-congress/">https://personalimportation.org/contact-congress/</a>

Twitter – April 22

Letting #BigPharma hold monopolies on any new drugs once they hit the market could lead to exorbitant prices and prolong the #coronavirus pandemic, says @danagill\_tweets for @MSF\_USA

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#### FROM OUR BLOG

### **Mail-Order Prescriptions are Growing**

Top 15 Prescriptions Americans are Importing from Canada

May 14, 2020



The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> reports that more patients are turning to mail or courier to get their prescription drugs during coronavirus lockdowns. "By late March 2020 mail-order prescriptions grew 21% from 2019."

Covid-19 puts people who rely on regular or maintenance medications at greater risk. Now more than ever it is important for people to stay home and stay safe. Limiting or eliminating visits to pharmacies helps reduce the risks especially for people who may already be immune compromised.

See our list of the top 15 medications people are importing from Canada, and <u>read the full piece</u> here.

## Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Money



April 24, 2020

Now more than ever it's essential to stay home, avoid public places where germs can spread and to get everything you can delivered amid the <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a> pandemic. Luckily, even your prescriptions (or maintenance medications) can be purchased without ever stepping into a store — including your prescriptions.

That's especially important if you are home sick, but you need your medications. You also need to get them without having to leave your home or coming into contact with anyone else. That's

why prescription delivery services can be a game-changer compared to going the standard pharmacy route where you have to drive through or walk in to get your meds.

### Safe Affordable Medications

Discounts of up to 80% (compared to U.S. pharmacy prices) are available to U.S. citizens on the sale of pharmaceuticals and maintenance medications (but not controlled substances) in 30 to 90-day quantities from Canadian online pharmacies that are licensed and regulated by the government for safety and quality assurance.

How can you find one of these safe affordable pharmacies? We recommend choosing safe and accredited pharmacies like those approved by the <u>Canadian International Pharmacy</u> Association.

The full article can be accessed here.

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<u>Please take a moment to reach out to your elected official</u> to make sure that they do not lose sight of protecting the rights of all Americans to access safe and affordable prescription medication by visiting our Contact Congress page at <a href="https://personalimportation.org/contact-congress">https://personalimportation.org/contact-congress</a>.

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### Take Action – We would love to hear from you!

We are currently looking for personal stories to highlight the need for access to affordable and safe prescription medications to policy makers and thought leaders who can make a difference.

Please share your story by visiting this link.

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#### **About the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation**

The Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation (CPPI) is a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization that fights for Americans' access to safe, affordable prescription medications from Canada for personal use. Tens of millions of Americans – especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes – struggle to pay the extremely high price of prescription medications in the U.S. We are here to be their voice.

Millions of Americans use licensed Canadian pharmacies annually, to purchase their daily prescription medications at an affordable price. We believe that all Americans have a right to

affordable medications. It is time to change the current U.S. policy on this issue to provide immediate access to life-saving medications, taken daily for chronic health conditions, at affordable prices.

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