



Dear Illinois Osteopathic Physician,

Our Virtual DO Day of Action is scheduled for **May 11th and 12th, 2020!** Are you ready to advocate on behalf of the osteopathic profession all DO's in Illinois? On these two virtual lobby days, we are asking you to email your lawmakers on issues that impact osteopathic physicians and students relating to COVID-19, and other vital issues, and provide our Law-makers with information as to how we as DOs can help.

Even though we are moving our annual day of advocacy 100% online, we are confident we can still make a difference as you advocate on behalf of the Illinois osteopathic workforce.

These extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures from all of us. As the Illinois General Assembly continues to focus on issues to combat the pandemic, your voice is critically important to help craft legislation. That is why we need your help now more than ever.

To take part in Virtual DO Day, we ask you to take 3 quick action steps:

1. [Lawmaker Look-up](#) - Offer to help their district office manage medical questions about COVID-19 symptoms. [CDC Symptoms](#)
2. Engage your lawmakers through social media. See talking points below and encourage networking.
3. Tell us how your interactions went. Email us at: ioms@ioms.org

Here is the message you should make to the Illinois Lawmakers on behalf of Illinois Osteopathic Physicians:

At the very beginning, Governor Pritzker listened to our concerns and through Executive Orders relaxed restrictions on:

- A. Telehealth
- B. Telepsychiatry
- C. and Prior Authorizations

for which IOMS is very grateful for these changes – thank you for listening to our concerns!.

Though we were successful on these efforts, several scope of practice issues remain of strong concern as many other medical professions attempt to expand their scope while the world continues to battle the coronavirus. These are our key asks:

1. IOMS **supports** IDPH's efforts to remove the religious exemption regarding immunizations (SB3668/Senator Steans)
2. We **oppose** expanding prescriptive authority for psychologists to prescribe to patients under 17 and over 65 years of age (both are very medically special populations) HB4578/Rep. Moeller
3. IOMS **supports** requiring IDPH adopt a rule to recommend all 6th grade students receive the HPV vaccination HB4870/Rep. Gable

Illinois Osteopathic Physicians will leverage our Virtual DO Day to act on this work and more.

IOMS and our Osteopathic Physicians are here for you to bring you, as a Lawmaker, the latest information on COVID-19. On Saturday April 25, 2020, IOMS hosted a free webinar on COVID-19 in Illinois. We had three speakers Harald Lausen, DO, William Rhoades, DO and David Bordo, MD, who each shared their experiences as physicians, and Chief Medical Officers of major health systems in Illinois, dealing with COVID-19. We had a total of 60 participants.

Good luck and enjoy your virtual Advocacy Day. Please remember to let us know how your communication with your Legislator goes and if we need to provide any follow up. We appreciate your enthusiasm for health policy advocacy during this public health care crisis and look forward to your continued engagement in IOMS.

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