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## Nebraska Pharmacists Association Asks the Public for Patience

### *Increased Workload for Pharmacy Staff Across the State*

**Lincoln— December 8, 2021** — Today the Nebraska Pharmacists Association is asking for Nebraskans to have patience at pharmacies across the state as they may experience longer than usual wait time for prescriptions and vaccinations. There is an increased demand for the time of pharmacists, interns, and pharmacy technicians as more patients seek COVID-19 and annual influenza vaccines at the same time pharmacies are experiencing staffing shortages. “Pharmacy staff, like other front-line health care workers, are experiencing fatigue and heavy workloads.” said Marcia Muetting, NPA CEO.

The primary concern of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association is that these conditions could lead to errors. The priority of pharmacy staff is the safety of patients and assuring that the right patients receive the right medications. The system of checks and balances to provide prescription accuracy cannot be rushed. “We encourage patients to allow extra time for vaccine appointments and prescription refills through this busy season.” Muetting noted.

The Nebraska Pharmacists Association plans to collect pharmacy workplace safety data and collaborate with stakeholders to improve working conditions to make certain that Nebraskans continue to receive the highest quality of care.

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*Founded in 1881, the Nebraska Pharmacists Association (NPA) has recognized the value of pharmacists’ role in health care. The NPA represents members consisting of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy students, pharmaceutical representatives, and other friends of*

*pharmacy in all practice areas across the state. The mission of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association is to advance the profession of pharmacy by providing member services that support the professional needs of Nebraska pharmacy practitioners and promote pharmacists as the experts for improving medication therapy outcomes.*

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