

# **ENGAGING YOUR LAWMAKERS**

Neighbors helping neighbors. Pharmacists have a special role in helping doctors, patients and others. During this tough time, many want to highlight acts of kindness in local communities. If your pharmacy is donating hand sanitizer to local first responders, it's appropriate to share this effort with your lawmakers – they may want to feature it in some way to the community. **Here's how to get started.** 

#### STEP #1

Identify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators (scroll down for the Senate listing)
<a href="https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative">https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm</a>

#### STEP #2

<u>Call the main switchboard to be connected with your lawmakers's office (first and fastest choice)</u>. Or, If they don't answer the phone, check to see if they are accepting emails through their websites (a lengthier process).

- Switchboard phone number: 202.224.3121
- Directory of U.S. House Members: <a href="https://www.house.gov/representatives">https://www.house.gov/representatives</a>
- Directory of U.S. Senators:
   <a href="https://www.senate.gov/general/contact">https://www.senate.gov/general/contact</a> information/senators cfm.cfm

### STEP #3

- Ask to speak with the communications office or press secretary.
- If they aren't available, ask to speak with the health staff.
- Or, if you have a connection to the office because of prior outreach, try that route, too.

## **STEP #4**

- Provide a brief overview of your pharmacy (60 seconds or less), then explain your donation of hand sanitizer to first responders.
- **Follow up** with a news release or any press on the effort. Ask that they retweet your effort, and tag #CompoundingHandoff

Still need help connecting with your lawmakers? Contact us at publicaffairs@pccarx.com.