Efforts Made by HPH Pharmacy under the Covid-19 Pandemic

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Background and objective

Aozora Pharmacy has long valued the works as “family pharmacy” engaged with the community since its establishment. Ever since we joined the International HPH Network in 2015, we worked for health promotion of community. During the pandemic, the pharmacy’s work was restricted in many ways, but we continued making effort for improvement of public health in the community.

Method

During the pandemic, Aozora Pharmacy executed various health promoting activities to improve health literacy of users of pharmacy and community people. The specific features of Aozora Pharmacy’s activity performed during the three years from March 2020 to March 2022 is stated in the Results section.

Results

During the pandemic, Aozora Pharmacy carried out following 7 works markedly.

1) Action Team was set-up in the entity, and information was published 30 times on office anti-covid measures and activity restriction of staff.

2) Published Newsletters for patients and community.
“Iodine gargle and Covid-19” (Aug.2020).
“Vaccination of Covid-19” (Jan.2021).

3) Published Newsletters for medical/nursing institutes
“Safety and efficacy of Covid-19 vaccine (Comirnaty muscle injection)
(Feb.2021).

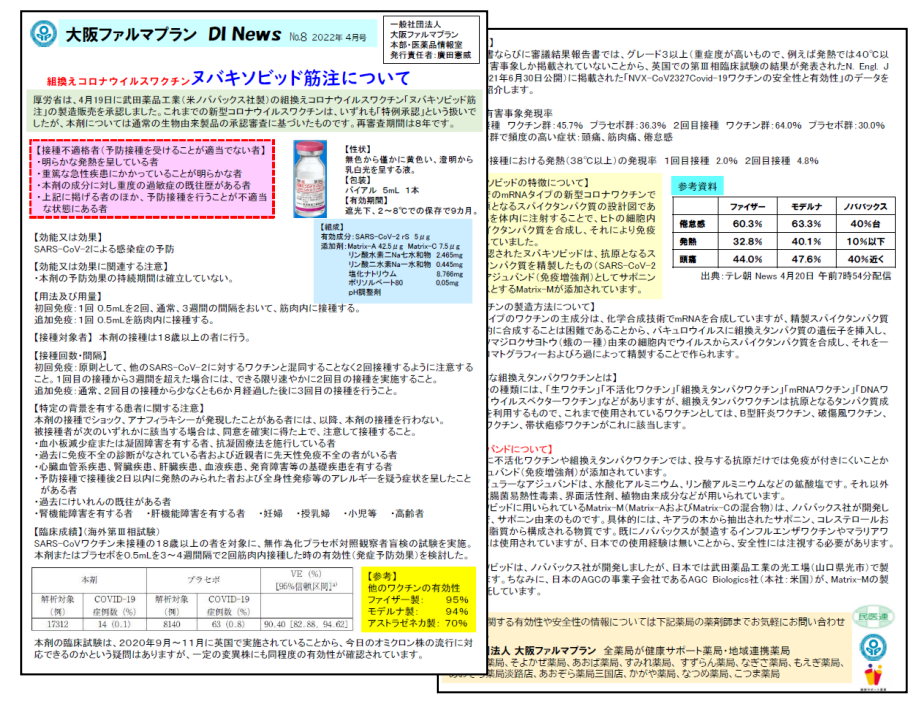
4) Performed diluting and dividing of vaccine at mass injection venue.
Unfortunately, pharmacists cannot vaccinate in Japan.

5) Participated “’How are you’ call” activity with Collaborating Organization to prevent solitary.

6) Researched intervention on frail prevention to see if pharmacy can make a difference in muscle mass by providing information.

7) provided free PCR checks and distributed for free or sold antigen test kits.

Covid-19 vaccine preparation work by a pharmacist.



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DI news for medical institutions and nursing homes

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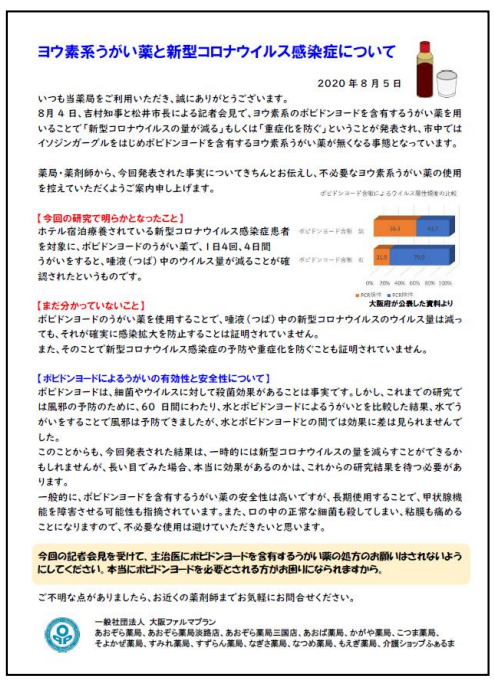
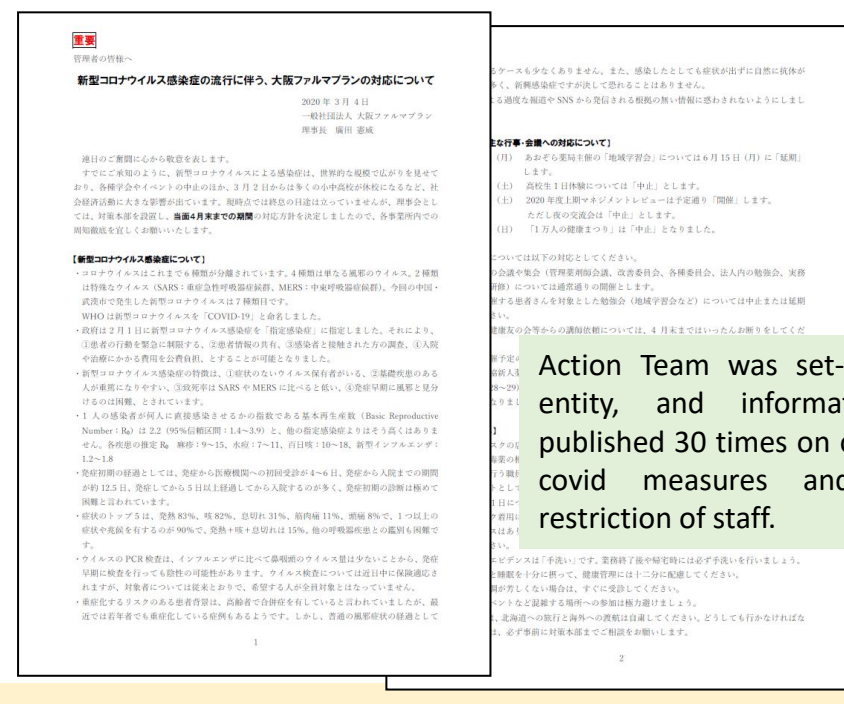


ヨウ素系うがい薬と新型コロナウイルス感染症について

新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)ワクチンについて

↑ Osaka Governor Yoshimura has publicly lied that iodine-containing mouthwash is effective against COVID-19. In response, we provided correct information to patients and local residents.



重要

新型コロナウイルス感染症の流行に伴う、大阪ファルマプランの対応について

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Conclusions

Under the pandemic, pharmacy and pharmacists received great expectation to improve public health in the community. Since the introduction of Community-Based Integrated Care System, Health Support Pharmacy and Community Collaborative Pharmacy have played significant roles, and they have played a major role in anti-Covid-measures, too. We’d like to keep up with our works engaged with the community as HPH pharmacy that stands with patients.

Aozora Pharmacy

Osaka Pharma-Plan operates 12 regional pharmacies and 1 nursing care equipment rental office. All 12 community pharmacies are active as *Health Support Pharmacies*, *Community Partnership Pharmacies* and *HPH Pharmacies.*

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