

**Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)
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Prescribing Medications during SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19)

The Alabama Board of Pharmacy (ALBOP) has received reports from patients taking hydroxychloroquine as a maintenance medication for lupus and rheumatoid arthritis that cannot get their medication due to supply shortages.

As a result, the ADPH is asking prescribers to exercise care when prescribing medications that may be in short supply during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, there is no evidence that hydroxychloroquine reduces severity or prevents COVID-19 infection.

For information from ALBOP regarding COVID-19, please visit <https://www.albop.com/>.

Please visit <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/cov-healthcare.html> for the most current information on COVID-19.