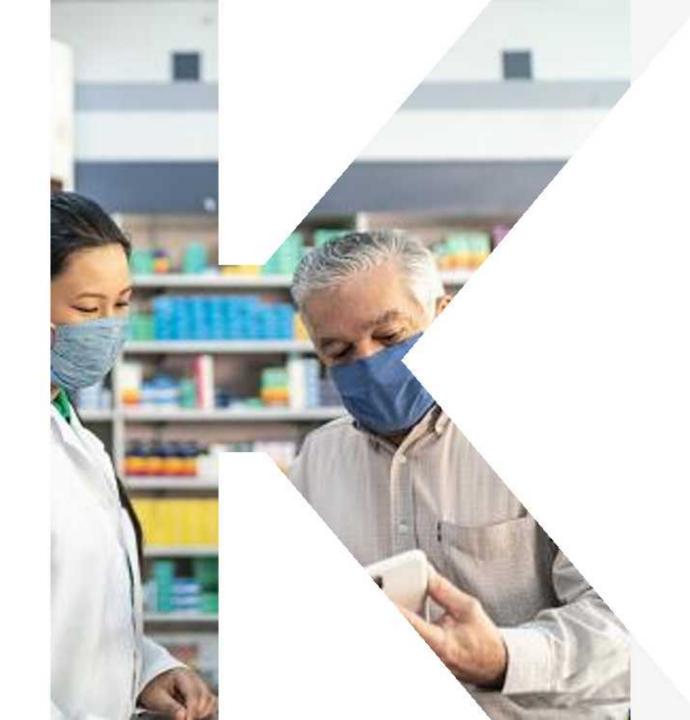
# Winning With Consumers Post COVID-19

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# As pharmacies prepare to manage stages of Uncertainty, shifts in consumer behavior are expected to define a "New Normal"

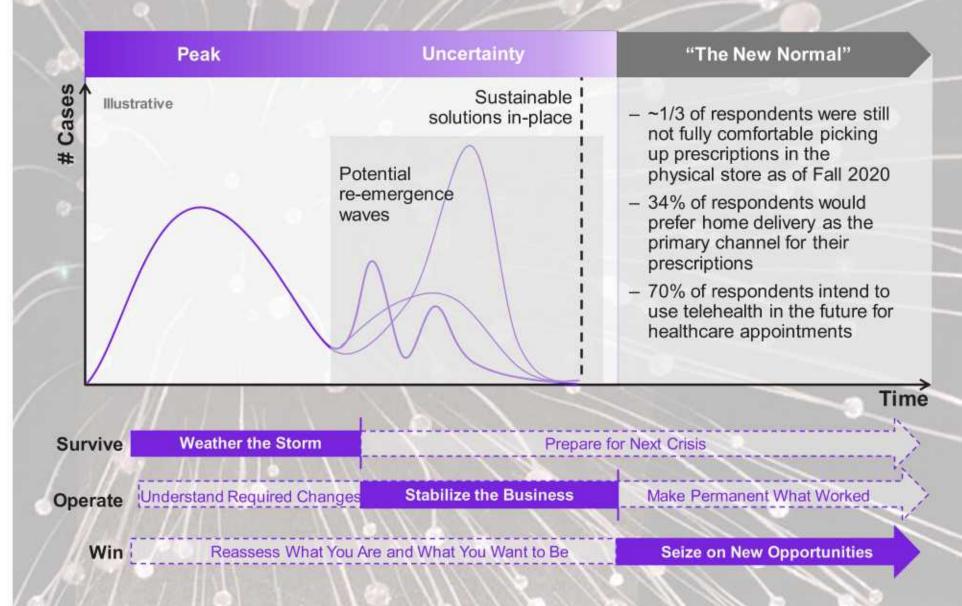
"The extraordinary range that this disease has makes it very confusing"

Anthony Fauci, Oct. 8th 2020

Source: Kearney 2020 Pharmacy Survey

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#### The crisis timeframes



# The drastic change **COVID** has had on customers' lives has led to shifting expectations in their pharmacy experience that are likely to stick

Note: Self-reported data

Source: Kearney 2020 Pharmacy Survey, Kearney Consumer Institute

In-store Customer Expectations



- ~49% of respondents feel having a relationship with their pharmacist is important
- ~20% of those respondents do not currently have a strong relationship

New
Customer
Opportunities



- ~45% of respondents today use omnichannel, up from 31% pre-March 2020
- In the future, ~55%
   of respondents would
   prefer omnichannel to
   in-store pickup

Supply Chain Readiness



- Supply chain capabilities need to enable wider product selection through multiple channels
- Manufacturers need to focus on heavy hitter SKUs as customers seek comfort and consistency

Expanded Role of the Pharmacist



- Over 40% of respondents are comfortable receiving vaccinations or health tests at the pharmacy
- Over 30% of respondents are comfortable being assessed and prescribed medication for common condition by a pharmacist

**Pharmacy** has seen more disruption in the past 10 months than in the past few years due to COVID-19

#### eCommerce Trends



Consumer demand for Rx eCommerce has increased; in-person retail experience – especially post-COVID – can be seen as a burden, not a benefit



Online pharmacies saw accelerated growth during COVID – Capsule saw a 5x weekly increase in new consumers in March



Amazon Pharmacy is positioned to offer a highly transparent and convenient Pharmacy option with strong technology



Expectation that DTC / ecommerce channel will accelerate and gain increased share of revenue in the next 4 years

Notable eCommerce Pharmacies / Rx Delivery











**UBER** Health



Uber Health and NimbleRx launched a Rx delivery service in August 2020

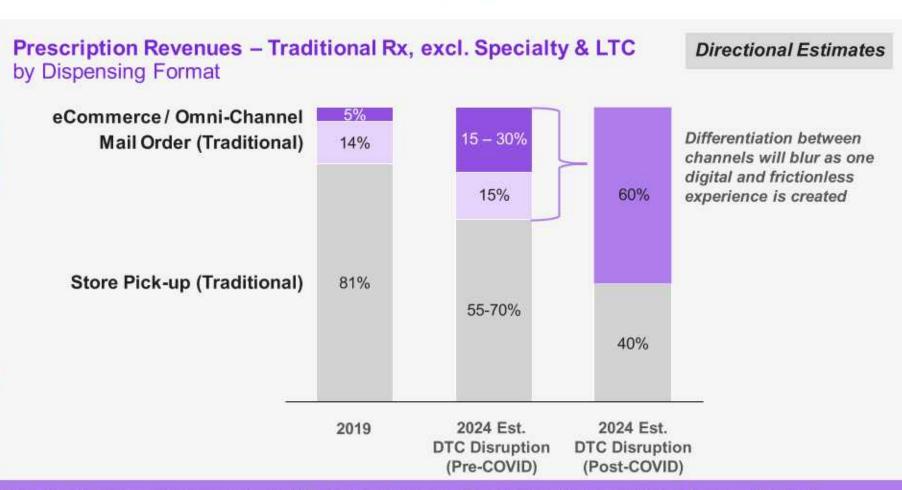
# eCommerce growth will be catalyzed by consumer demand and intensifying competition from direct-to-consumer players

#### **Consumer Sentiments**

- Of consumers surveyed, 55% would prefer eCommerce / omni-channel as their primary channel if prices were the same (DTC driven by younger males)
- Of those that pickup in-store but would prefer to use another channel, discomfort shopping in-store was not significantly higher than the average respondent

#### **Disruption Variables**

- Extent of Amazon expansion
- Consumer preference for in-store interactions vs. DTC convenience
- Brick and mortar players' ability to build DTC capabilities



The question is to what extent consumers are willing to forego in-store interaction for a digital experience

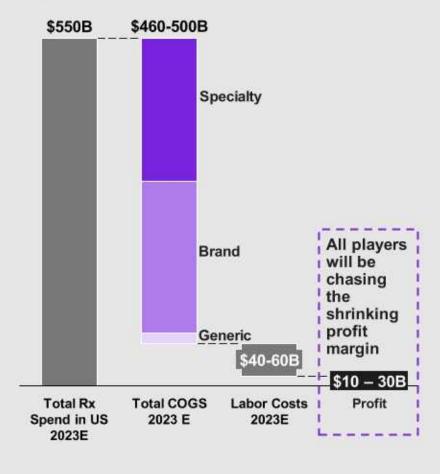
# Pressure on profitability will be further accelerated as pharmacies invest to meet new customer needs

Source: Digital Commerce 360, CVS Health, IQVIA, Statista, NCPA Digest 2019, Drug Channels Institute, Competitor Research, Kearney analysis, Chain Drug Review

#### Rx profits are narrowing...

Estimated profitability of U.S. pharmacy market

Projected 2023



# ...and may narrow further as pharmacies adapt post-COVID



#### **New Operating Costs**

- Home delivery can cost an additional \$9
   to \$12 per script (same day orders)
- Expansion of clinical services requires more pharmacist labor



# Technology & Infrastructure Requirements

- Significant OpEx and CapEx investments
- CVS Health estimated they invested an incremental \$325-350M in technology & store design in 2019



#### Continued Reimbursement Pressure

- Retail Rx gross margins have declined by ~ 2-3% CAGR over past 5 yrs
- DIR fees have grown to \$2 \$7 per Rx claim for retail pharmacy with outcomes-focus expected to continue

**Profit** pressures will challenge lower volume pharmacies but there are new opportunities for those that remain

Many lower volume stores could fall below the Rx breakeven point and may be faced with a choice to adapt or exit



# Three key priorities

Improve In-Store Experience





Expand Omnichannel Offerings



Streamline Operations



Customers can be of two different mindsets during the in-store shopping experience

Improve In-Store Experience

#### **Transactional Experience**

#### Consumer

- Want to get in and out quickly, grabbing what they always buy and know they need
- Front-end items are easy to find and instock and can be picked up with Rx
- Checking off a list with minimal "thinking"

#### Retailer

- Consumer reaction to friction is higher risk
- Consumers don't have the previous patience to wait
- There's a price to pay for bad execution and limited availability

#### **Emotional Experience**



#### Consumer

- Coming into the store with heightened anxiety and stress, often unrelated to shopping
- Seeking a sense of well-being and affirmation as a "whole" person
- Seeking strong relationship with pharmacist

#### Retailer

- Consumers want to ease distress through a personal, pleasant shopping experience but may have short fuses
- Providing clinical services and personalized offers to increase touchpoints and engagement with consumer
- Engage consumers and meet them where they are

## Depending on the type of shopping experience they want, customers will seek new

#### Future In-Store Experience – Sample Elements





#### **Advanced Digital Ordering**

Ease of reordering was top customer priority for those who use DTC channels

#### Self-Serve

Integrated Rx and Front Store purchases and 'touchless experience'

#### **Expanded Care Offerings**

~73% of respondents are comfortable with using a service at pharmacy (e.g., nutrition, travel consults, screening tests or chronic condition mgmt programs)

#### Clinical Environment

Partnerships with care providers, such as primary care clinics, can enhance the in-store experience and increase foot traffic

#### Personalization

Targeted OTC, retail, and service offerings based on patient history



features

Improve In-Store Experience

# Omnichannel capabilities are essential for a cohesive and flexible experience



#### Pharmacies must invest in building new capabilities...

- Virtual care platforms that integrate Rx care with other healthcare providers
- Digital capabilities to communicate, monitor health and meds, and socially engage with a community
- Home delivery and expanded buy-online-pickup-in-store capabilities
- Integrated Front Store and Rx ordering

#### ...to create experiences that meet customer demands

Price Transparency: Up-front transparency of Rx pricing, payment options, and alternatives

Initial prescribing

Upfront pricing & substitution options



eRx sent to pharmacy



Cross-Channel Access: Flexibility for customer to interact with pharmacy through preferred channel

Pharmacy receives Rx



Text confirmation with patient



Online payment through app







Delivery

Rx Tracking

**Fulfillment** 





Pickup Alternatives: Ability to choose preferred method to receive order







**Expand Omnichannel Offerings** 

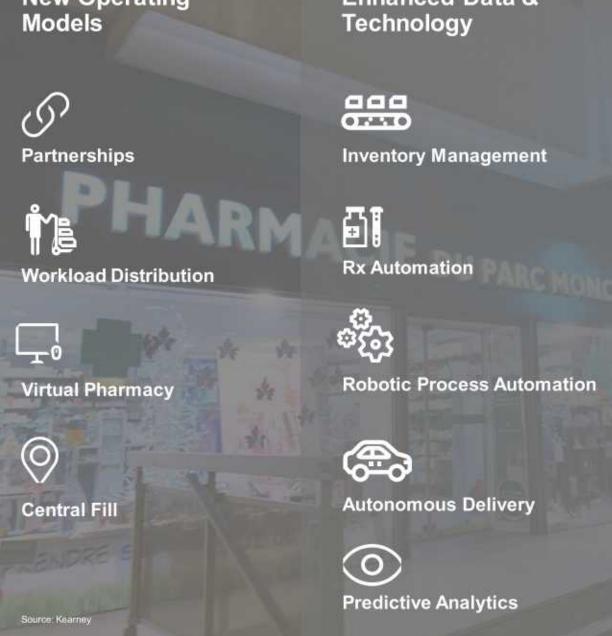
**New operating** models will require significant investment and will defend profitability



Streamline Operations











**Discount Cards** 



Savings Clubs



**Specialty Patient Support Programs** 

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