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[**Read the C-19 Therapeutic Alert**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=403c6e940d&e=12757307a1)  **Call for more pharmacies to become C-19 vac sites** NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have issued a letter calling for new applications from community pharmacy contractors to become C-19 vaccination sites in specific areas of the country.  The letter has been sent out to contractors via their local NHSE&I regional team and should have been received by today. **MURs removed from NHS website**Following a request from PSNC that Medicines Use Reviews (MURs) were removed centrally from the NHS website when the service was decommissioned on 1st April 2021, we have now had confirmation that the service has been removed from all pharmacy profiles.  [**Other considerations now the MUR service has been decommissioned**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=7ed7fd5350&e=12757307a1)**Ramadan C-19 resources for pharmacy teams** Community pharmacy contractors may receive a higher number of queries about the use of the C-19 vaccine or C-19 tests from patients who are Muslim during the month of Ramadan, which begins this week.  To aid contractors PSNC has outlined some questions that pharmacy teams could be asked during Ramadan and has prepared answers to these questions. We have also highlighted resources that contractors may find useful to use or signpost patients to during Ramadan.  [**See the full list of Q&As and resources**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=dea3e44456&e=12757307a1)   |  | | --- | | Have you seen our latest FAQs? |   PSNC's website has a large number of answers to queries posed by pharmacy contractors, their teams, and LPCs; these are updated on a regular basis. Recent additions on the **C-19 test distribution service** include:  **Q. Can distance selling pharmacies provide the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service?**  Yes. A distance-selling pharmacy may provide Advanced and Enhanced services on the premises. However, they must not provide any Essential services to any person present on their premises while providing the Advanced or Enhanced service.  A distance-selling pharmacy can also offer home delivery of Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) (as can other contractors) as this is not precluded by the service specification, as long as all the other requirements of the service are fulfilled. However, the service is focused on people collecting test kits from their local community pharmacy. Generally, people who wish to have test kits delivered to their homes should order their kits from the [**GOV.UK website**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0568ab888c&e=12757307a1).  **Q. How can contractors request amendments to their**[**NHS Test and Trace Site Finder map**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f0c43e1aee&e=12757307a1)**data for their pharmacies providing the service?**  They can email a request to [**PharmacyCollect@dhsc.gov.uk**](mailto:PharmacyCollect@dhsc.gov.uk).  **Q. The service specification says if the pharmacy temporarily runs out of test kits or experiences a demand for test kits it cannot meet at that time, contractors have the option to change their information on the online NHS COVID Test Finder tool by emailing**[**PharmacyCollect@dhsc.gov.uk**](mailto:PharmacyCollect@dhsc.gov.uk)**and requesting for their site to be displayed as ‘out of stock'. When will that email address be monitored by the NHS Test and Trace team?**  The mailbox will be monitored during normal working hours, Monday to Friday.  More FAQs on the service can be found on PSNC's [**C-19 test distribution service webpage**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=cc9e6e3acc&e=12757307a1).  **Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page:**[**psnc.org.uk/coronavirus**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b671e78d7a&e=d3dc5e7fbd) |  | | |
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