



Daily Update

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This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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In today's update: NHSE&I flu vaccination support; impact of NHS Test and Trace; PPE ordering portal.

NHSE&I flu vaccination support for primary care teams

To support delivery of the NHS flu vaccination programme, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has published two new resources for primary care providers.

The [quick guide for GPs and community pharmacists](#) aims to help check the eligibility of people seeking to receive a free flu jab this year, whilst the [frequently asked questions document](#) answers some of the common queries raised by primary care staff.

NHS Test and Trace: Impact on community pharmacies

Following on from [PSNC writing to the Pharmacy Minister earlier this month](#) on the issues some community pharmacies are experiencing with NHS Test and Trace, we have been approached by a national media outlet who is interested in the impact that incorrect handling of cases by contact tracers is having on pharmacies.

To inform PSNC's work in this area and any media reports, we would like to get a sense of how many pharmacies are or have been affected, and how easy it has been to resolve the situation.

[Complete the Impact of NHS Test and Trace decisions survey](#) – please complete by **5pm on Tuesday 27th October**.

Reminder: free COVID-19 PPE ordering portal

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded that [the PPE Portal](#) is now the main source of COVID-19 PPE for primary care providers, including community pharmacies. Contractors should order PPE through this portal, free of charge, to meet the increased need that has arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 PPE is classed as the PPE that providers are using over and above 'business as usual' use, due to COVID-19 infection control guidance (including requirements for providing flu vaccinations), rather than what would have been used pre-pandemic. While such PPE requirements will vary according to settings, contexts and individual circumstances, the PPE Portal's order limits can serve as an indicative approximation of such requirements (especially where providers may be in doubt).

Keep up-to-date on COVID-19 with our hub page: psnc.org.uk/coronavirus

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