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| PSNC Newsletter |
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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Guidance on lifting of C-19 restrictions; Pandemic Delivery Service to end; PQS declaration submission deadline; take part in our Advice Audit.Living with COVID-19 – update for contractorsFollowing the publication of the new Government policy on 'Living with COVID-19', NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have today issued initial guidance to NHS service providers, including community pharmacy contractors.The key points for community pharmacy are summarised below:**Staff who test positive** – Healthcare staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should not attend work until they have had two negative LFD test results taken 24 hours apart. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will be updating its guidance tomorrow.**Testing for patients and staff** – NHSE&I will provide more information in the coming weeks, but current testing protocols should continue until further guidance is received.**Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC)** – there are no immediate changes around the requirement to wear a mask/face covering in healthcare settings.[**Find out more and read the NHSE&I letter in full**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=680674024e&e=d19e9fd41c)Closure of the Pandemic Delivery ServiceAs part of removing the last of the COVID-19 domestic restrictions, the Government's latest policy document has confirmed that the Pandemic Delivery Service will be ending.The legal duty to self-isolate when notified as a positive case or non-exempt close contact, will end on 24th February 2022, and the Government will cease all support measures from this date.Pharmacy contractors can still make prescription deliveries to eligible patients on or before 23rd February 2022 if their CTAS number is valid, but **no medicine deliveries should be made as part of the Pandemic Delivery Service after 5th March 2022.**[**Learn more about the end of the service**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=45092af93f&e=d19e9fd41c)Reminder: One week left to make your PQS declarationContractors are reminded that they have one week left to make their Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2021/22 declaration as the window for claiming this payment will then close.An extension has been agreed for meeting the requirements of the PQS 2021/22; however, contractors must make their declaration based on what they intend to meet by the extension deadline, by 11.59pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.[**See our guidance on making a PQS declaration**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2ba3d5880f&e=d19e9fd41c)Please support the Pharmacy Advice AuditPSNC is asking as many community pharmacy teams as possible to take part in the 2022 Pharmacy Advice Audit.The audit will provide critical evidence for use in funding discussions with HM Government and the NHS, as well as information to support pharmacy's wider advocacy work and help to make the case for the sector.[**Find out how to take part**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c31faebb24&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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