



# COVID-19 Update

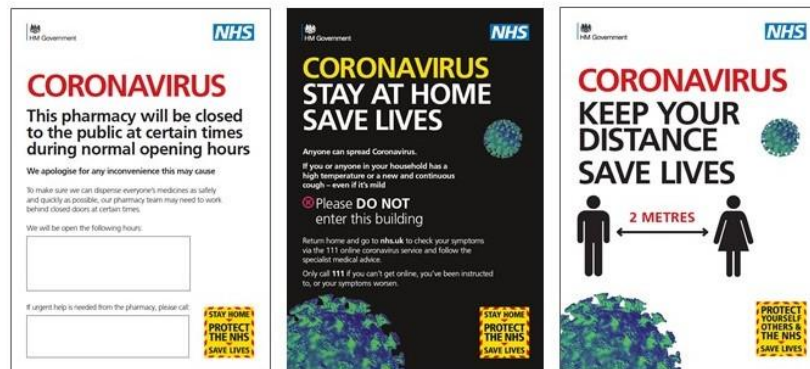
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This new, daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**In today's update: new public information posters; NHSE&I wellbeing support; MP recognition of pharmacy; PSNC webinar reminder**

## Updated PHE Posters

Public Health England (PHE) updated the set of posters for use in pharmacies on 10th April 2020. These include an updated poster that should be displayed so it is visible to people seeking to enter the premises, a poster to advise on maintaining a 2m distance from others and a poster pharmacies can use if they are working behind closed doors for part of the day:



These can all be downloaded from the [PHE campaign resources hub](#). Any previously issued posters should be removed from display and be replaced by the above poster.

If pharmacies have a printer, they are advised to print out the print-friendly black-and-white version. However, if they want a colour version and don't have a colour printer, they can order the A3 or A4 colour versions online via, for instance, Vistaprint or another company.

PSNC has asked HM Government to print and distribute colour copies of these posters to pharmacies and we understand that PHE are now working to do that.

## Free Access to Wellbeing Support

During the pandemic, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have acknowledged the importance of healthcare workers looking after their own health and wellbeing, whilst supporting patients and their family. NHSE&I have therefore organised a range of psychological support for all NHS staff, including those working in primary care, during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The offer involves free access to a number of wellbeing apps to support healthcare workers' mental health and wellbeing; an NHSmail email account may be required to access some of the apps. They have also introduced a confidential staff support line, operated by the Samaritans, which is free to access from 7.00 am – 11.00 pm, seven days a week.

[Access the support via the NHSE&I website](#)

## MP Recognition of Pharmacy

Jackie Doyle-Price, Conservative MP for Thurrock and chair-elect of the All-Party Pharmacy Group (APPG), praised the role of pharmacists amid the COVID-19 outbreak in [The Telegraph](#) today. In particular, she called for greater financial support for the sector "in the form of a special payment to cover the costs incurred in the fight against COVID19".

## Webinar for Pharmacy Contractors

Community pharmacy contractors are reminded that PSNC Chief Executive Simon Dukes will be hosting a COVID-19 webinar on **Wednesday, 15 April 2020 at 7.30pm**.

Simon will outline how PSNC is arguing for additional funding and PPE provision as well as pushing to reduce the burden of many contractual and regulatory requirements. He will also will provide an update on negotiations as well as looking to the weeks ahead.

[Book your place now](#)

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