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| Daily Update |
| Friday 16th July 2021 |

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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: Staying healthy in the heat; CPCS IT supplier webinar; advice on face coverings; new public affairs role at PSNC.**Staying healthy in the heat – advice for patients**NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has today issued a [**heat-health watch alert**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d7613cd94d&e=12757307a1) for the next few days.During this heatwave, the public may turn to community pharmacy teams for advice about staying well during the hot weather or to seek assistance when feeling unwell as a result of the heat.PSNC has previously developed a summary infographic which may be used by community pharmacy teams to communicate relevant messages contained in the Heatwave Plan for England and the NHS website guidance on how to cope in hot weather. Public health advice remains the same this year, despite the COVID-19 outbreak.[**Download PSNC's infographic and view other public health guidance**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ad5612752c&e=12757307a1)**Register now for CPCS IT supplier webinar**NHSE&I has today opened registrations for an IT supplier showcase on **Thursday 22nd July 2021, 7-8.30pm**, to provide community pharmacy contractors and LPCs with the opportunity to hear from the IT suppliers that plan to align with the Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) IT standards and deliver CPCS functionality.From 1st October 2021, contractors must choose their CPCS IT solutions from one of those offered by the four validated suppliers: Sonar Informatics, PharmOutcomes, Positive Solutions and Cegedim.[**Register now for the CPCS IT supplier event**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=9b1231eabc&e=12757307a1)**Face coverings in pharmacies after C-19 restrictions eased**Most legal restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic will be removed from 19th July 2021. Although face coverings and social distancing will be optional from this date, NHSE&I has highlighted that current Infection Prevention Control (IPC) guidance remains in place, meaning that face coverings should be used by patients (if tolerated) and visitors when entering a care setting, including community pharmacies and in areas where triaging for COVID-19 is not possible.Resources supporting the latest IPC guidance including social media assets and posters for healthcare settings to use at entrances to notify visitors that they still need to wear a face covering after 19th July are available from the Public Health England [**Campaign Resource Centre**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b66328254a&e=12757307a1).[**Learn more about the current advice on face coverings**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fd3e94ea68&e=12757307a1)**Public affairs job opportunity at PSNC**PSNC is looking for a **Public Affairs and Policy Manager** to lead an advocacy programme. The post-holder will have a brief to implement a plan to build support for community pharmacies across Parliament and work to ensure that community pharmacy is presenting a unified voice to the NHS and Government.We are keen to hear from candidates with experience of policy development and who will be confident and influential acting as an external spokesperson for community pharmacy.[**Learn more about the role**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=b9d1d30201&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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