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|  | In this update: Reporting C-19 outbreaks, service status and capacity; Pharmacy Collect updates; start of weight management campaign.Reporting COVID outbreaks, service status and capacityIn today's Primary Care Bulletin, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) reminded primary care staff, including community pharmacy contractors, of the requirement and importance of reporting COVID-19 outbreaks and ensuring that the Directory of Services (DoS) profile is updated to make sure patients are appropriately signposted to available services.Contractors must inform their local commissioner when the delivery of services is compromised or reduced by staff absences, whether or not attributed to a COVID-19 outbreak, in line with local reporting and escalation processes in order to support service continuity and resilience plans (for example, in accordance with the NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations).Community pharmacies have direct access to their DoS profiles using the DoS Profile Updater. There is also a [**DoS Capacity Status tool**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=eae7d97136&e=d19e9fd41c). Using this tool, pharmacies can mark themselves as red, amber, or green in terms of capacity. Pharmacy Collect: SureScreen and MYS claimingCommunity pharmacy contractors ordering Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits will soon start to receive a different brand of test kits (SureScreen) from Alliance Healthcare.These test kits are for shallow nasal swab only,contain sachets to decant, and contain swabs that, when processing the sample, need to be broken to leave the swab head in the tube. These tests also return a faster result.Given these changes, contractors should continue to advise patients to follow the instructions on how to use the tests kits contained within the box. [**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=fe754e140a&e=d19e9fd41c)**MYS Claiming**Contractors entering lot numbers for SureScreen LFD test kits onto the Manage Your Service (MYS) portal are advised to omit the ‘COVN’ and ‘OM’ characters where these appear and simply input the numbers as the lot number to submit their data.Weight management campaign starts soonThe weight management health campaign, which was originally due to start on 4th January 2022, will now begin next week when pharmacies receive the campaign materials. This is the third mandated campaign agreed for 2021/2022 and runs for five weeks from the date on which the pharmacy receives the campaign materials. These are due to be delivered to pharmacies between the **11th-14th January 2022**.[**Learn more about the weight management campaign**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=bc994b9a95&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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