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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Daily Update | | Friday 2nd July 2021 | | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  | This daily update contains important information for community pharmacy teams about the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.   |  | | --- | | In today's update: PSNC CEO blog; more pharmacies to participate in C-19 booster programme; new ordering method for staff C-19 tests; updates to PSNC's payment timetable.**Chief Executive's blog** PSNC CEO Simon Dukes reflects on the detail of the COVID-19 costs agreement that PSNC has successfully negotiated with HM Government, and on how this deal represents a significant improvement on the proposal that the Committee rejected last summer.  Simon calls on every contractor: big and small; independent and multiple; bricks and mortar and online to claim back their COVID costs to ensure that community pharmacy does not subsidise HM Treasury any further.   [**Read the latest PSNC CEO blog**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=c7df5823f5&e=12757307a1) **More pharmacies to take part in COVID booster programme** Earlier this week, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that any COVID-19 vaccine booster programme should begin in **September 2021** and that, where possible, a synergistic approach to the delivery of COVID and flu vaccinations should be pursued to support delivery and maximise vaccine uptake.  Following publication of the JCVI advice, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) has published a letter setting out early guidance for the NHS on planning for a COVID booster programme – referred to as phase 3 of the vaccination programme. This guidance aims to support local planning and makes a series of recommendations to consider, including deploying delivery models with capacity spread across community pharmacy, vaccination centres and general practice.  [**Read the NHSE&I guidance on planning for a COVID booster programme**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=d202f4619c&e=12757307a1) **New distribution arrangements for staff COVID testing** NHSE&I has [**announced new arrangements**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=68f5e42844&e=12757307a1) for distributing COVID-19 Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) to pharmacy team members. Previously, pharmacy contractors ordered LFD test kits from the Primary Care Support England portal. But from **5th July 2021**, staff will be able to order test kits for asymptomatic staff testing [**here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f5ebaf97fa&e=12757307a1).  [**Learn more about staff testing**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=f7f24cfde6&e=12757307a1) **Updates to PSNC's payment timetable and deadline tracker** PSNC has updated its payment timetable and deadline tracker to include details of the COVID costs claims process and the recently announced deadline extensions to the Pandemic Delivery Service and the NHS community pharmacy COVID-19 lateral flow device distribution service (Pharmacy Collect).  [**See PSNC's payment timetable and deadline tracker**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=3e53b767a5&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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