

Helping your communities feel prepared ahead of the Easter bank holiday

Important pharmacy messages from Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex. Please integrate the following pharmacy messages into any Easter bank holiday wellbeing communications to your communities.

Need to find a pharmacy over the Easter bank holiday period? Why not use the [NHS pharmacy finder](#) to find your closest pharmacy? Remember to avoid pharmacies if you, or someone you live with, are showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Pharmacy is open over the Easter bank holiday period but opening times may vary. Check your pharmacy's opening times [online](#) before you visit.

Prepare by ordering your repeat prescription. Make sure you have enough medication to last over the Easter bank holiday weekend, or re-order around seven days before you are due to run out.

If you receive medicine on repeat prescription, you can now use [several apps and websites](#) to order online. You, or a friend or relative, can then collect your medicines from a pharmacy or have them delivered to your home (where available).

When you order a repeat prescription online, you can have your prescription sent electronically to a pharmacy or dispenser of your choice. This means you no longer need to collect a paper prescription from your GP surgery.

Collecting a prescription for someone else? Here's some useful advice to help you. This useful [poster](#) lists key pieces of information for people who are picking up medicines from a pharmacy on behalf of someone else.

Don't stockpile medicine. Community pharmacy teams work hard to make sure that all patients continue to have access to the medicines they need when they need them. Please only order what you need.

Thank you to all the pharmacy teams working over the Easter bank holiday to look after people in our communities.

Contact Community Pharmacy Surrey & Sussex for further information.
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Ongoing services and advice:

Pharmacy-led COVID-19 vaccination services are continuing over the Easter period. When it's your turn to book an appointment to have your test or vaccine, you will be given the option to choose where you have it, depending on availability.

Suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19? Please don't visit a pharmacy if you test positive or if you are showing symptoms - dry persistent cough, fever or shortness of breath. Pharmacy staff must be kept safe so they can continue to serve their communities. Call your pharmacist to ask about the delivery options available instead.

Self-care advice: Did you know your pharmacy team can offer advice on a wide range of subjects including self-care and managing common illnesses? Walk-in to your local pharmacy for advice from a highly trained healthcare professional.

Keep medicine cabinets stocked. Be prepared with a small stock of medical essentials like a thermometer and painkillers, such as paracetamol, at home. Use the walk-in services at your local pharmacy to ask for advice on what you should keep in your cabinet.

NHS 111 for urgent care: if you need urgent medical help, have run out of prescription medicines, or need advice for non-life-threatening conditions, visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111.