on behalf of East Sussex, West Sussex and Surrey
Local Pharmaceutical Committees

Sharing news (and other things) from partners

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Welcome to issue 6 of our regular round-up of local partners' news, with links to newsletters and other pieces of information relevant to you and your teams.

Please scroll to the end to be sure you do not miss anything.

Our newsletter, with all our LPC news, is mailed to you today too.

Please share this information with your team members.

Warmest wishes

The staff team at your LPCs

Across Surrey and Sussex

The NHS COVID 19 App will be launched tomorrow (24 September) Many businesses will be expected to display an NHS QR code poster at their venue when the app launches. As patients generally move around the space in community pharmacy rather than congregate, and are expected, by law, to wear face coverings, QR codes are not required but can be used if you wish to offer this option. Find out more and see FAQ about the app. Here's an interesting fact about the app to share with patients (and on social media?) if you get a chance:

 Did you know that if you download the NHS COVID 19 app you'll get alerts if you're near someone who has tested positive for the virus - even if you're on the bus? Get it here: https://covid19.nhs.uk/

Flu vaccinations advised for all primary care staff

In order to protect colleagues from seasonal flu and ongoing COVID-19 risks, national primary care leaders are asking employers to ensure that all their staff, including locums, are vaccinated. Read more

Cold or coronavirus symptoms in children - DfE animation

The Department for Education (DfE), in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), has published an animation to help parents understand symptoms that could indicate if a child has coronavirus. It is being shared on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

National Enablement of EPS Phase 4 in early September

All remaining EPS live GP practices, using either EMIS or TPP systems, will have EPS phase 4 activated by their supplier centrally (note: Vision system sites are still not compliant). This includes dispensing doctors. Rollout is expected to be completed by 11 September 2020.

Maintaining vitamin D status in at-risk patients during the COVID-19 pandemic Wednesday 28th 2020 October, 6.30pm. Email stephenjupp@thorntonross.com to reserve a place and for the link to the meeting. Read more

Newsletters

• Issue 55 of <u>Collaborate</u>, AHSNs fortnightly e-newsletter

Surrey

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update here

Newsletters

• Surrey's public health bulletin - September 2020

East Sussex

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update (East Sussex) here

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update (Brighton and Hove) here

Commitment to help people with hidden disabilities

Councillors at Lewes District Council have passed a motion to formally support a scheme that discreetly indicates a person has a hidden disability and may need help. Read full story here

The future of Eastbourne Station Health Centre

The public consultation ran until 14 September. We are waiting to hear about the next steps and will let you know as soon as we know.

West Sussex

COVID-19 weekly surveillance update here

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