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PCN NEWSLETTER

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - If you are concerned that you may have coronavirus or may have come into contact with someone who has, the NHS 111 online service has been created and this can be accessed at: <https://111.nhs/service/covid-19> . Only if you do not have access to the internet should you telephone 111, for coronavirus (covid-19) enquiries.

Temporary change to appointments

During the present time GP surgeries are reducing the number of patients attending their practices. This could mean that you may have a telephone review and/or consultation with your GP or Nurse instead of a face to face appointment.

Pharmacy Preference

If you do not yet have an electronic pharmacy nomination for your prescriptions to be sent to please can we encourage you to nominate one as this will also reduce the number of patients attending practices.

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.

Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home. Ask your employer, friends or family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.

Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.

Sleep alone, if that is possible.

Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.

Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation.

Please download the NHS app or access the NHS website (www.nhs.uk) for more detailed information and instructions.

If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online www.111.nhs.uk.

If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Reducing the number of patients attending the practice is to reduce the risk of spreading infection during the current pressures with coronavirus.

Online Services

Have you considered signing up to online access, a convenient way in which to view your medical record, test results and order repeat medication. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Advice for stopping virus spread



Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use a sanitiser gel



Catch coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues



Throw away used tissues (then wash hands)



If you don't have a tissue use your sleeve



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands



Avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Source: NHS

BBC

HM Government



Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds

Use a tissue to turn off the tap. Dry hands thoroughly.



Palm to palm



The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

