

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Today's Updates

<p><b><u>USEFUL NUMBERS</u></b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL PANDEMIC FLU SERVICE:</b>  <a href="http://www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk">www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>NATIONAL PANDEMIC FLU SERVICE:</b>  <b>08001513100</b></p> <p><b>TCT FLU LINE:</b>  <b>01803 217222</b> (for general information)</p> <p><b>NHS FLU LINE:</b>  <b>0800 1 513 513</b> (for general information)</p> <p><b>NHS DIRECT</b>  <b>0845 46 47</b>  <a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a> (for patients who may have symptoms)</p> <p><b>HEALTH PROTECTION UNIT: 01803 861833</b></p> <p><b>TEXT PHONE NUMBER FOR THE DEAF:</b>  <b>01803 217220</b>  <b>Fax: 01803</b></p>	<p><b><u>Today's News</u></b></p> <p><b>New ACPs</b></p> <p>We have expanded the local capacity for antiviral medication by increasing the number of ACPs. The expanded list is on the back page of the bulletin. All of these sites are now "live" on the National Pandemic Flu Service systems. A big thanks to everyone involved in ensuring ready access to antivirals for our local population. Prompt treatment with antivirals remains an important element of the UK response to swine flu.</p> <p><b>Update on swine flu</b></p> <p>We have been receiving reports of increased numbers of children absent from school over the last couple of weeks. So far 2 secondary schools and 7 primaries in Torbay have reported that over 10% of children are off. In some schools this has risen to nearly 20%. Flu-like illness seems to account for the increase and it is likely that swine flu is circulating. This week there has been an increase in admissions of people with flu-like illness to hospital and 5 people have been confirmed in the last week; 3 children aged 9, 12 and 15.</p> <p><b>Immunisation</b></p> <p>Vaccine supplies appear to be improving but are still limited. Practices should be aware of expected deliveries. Orders can be made to <a href="mailto:TCT.pharmacyflustocks@nhs.net">TCT.pharmacyflustocks@nhs.net</a>. Uptake of vaccine amongst TCT staff is good with over 50% of staff immunised so far. Further clinics have been arranged for clinical staff on:</p> <p><b>Paignton Social Hall</b> (behind Paignton Hospital) <b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009</b> (8.30am to 3.30pm)</p> <p><b>Vaccine reactions</b></p> <p>Reactions to vaccine should be reported to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using a dedicated system based on the yellow card scheme. This can be done by a professional or member of the public using the following link <a href="http://www.mhra.gov.uk/swineflu">www.mhra.gov.uk/swineflu</a>.</p> <p><b>Oseltamivir Dosage and Antiviral Vouchers for Prophylaxis</b></p> <p>Last week you received information via SABS regarding dose information for children below 6 months, a copy of which is attached for information (Ref 12032)</p> <p>In order to support the authorisation of AV by healthcare professionals an accompanying larger document has been included (Guidance Authorisation of Antiviral Medicines Final). This is quite similar to a previous document, which was forwarded to you on 2/10/09</p> <p>There are a few things that should be drawn to your attention.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the new doses new antiviral vouchers will be forwarded to you direct, on behalf of the DoH by 14/12/09</li> <li>2. All previously issued no longer required vouchers should be securely destroyed (see page 3) on receipt of the new vouchers – and practices should pay particular attention to the security of their new vouchers (page 12). Copies of your destructions and receipts should be forwarded to Ann Green at Bay House.</li> <li>3. Pharmacy ACPs are asked to contact the authoriser of a previously issued AV voucher should an old voucher be presented. This is in order to confirm the correct dose and to reinforce the message not to use pre-existing AV authorisation vouchers. (see page 4)</li> <li>4. All Oseltamivir 12mg/1ml suspension has now been removed from pharmacy ACPs so there is only the 15mg/1ml Oseltamivir solution available – this is to reflect that only the solution is available to order on the new AV vouchers.</li> <li>5. Liquid formulations are only available from pharmacy ACPs – these new voucher changes are therefore not applicable to Castle Circus Health Centre or St Edmunds.</li> <li>6. Prescribers are now able to use these new forms for prophylaxis – patients should be asked to attend pharmacy ACPs in line with previous guidance. Prescribers should consider the use of prophylaxis carefully; see link below. – All locally produced paperwork to support the prescribing of prophylaxis should now be destroyed.</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_107132.pdf">http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_107132.pdf</a></p>
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**Anti Viral Collection Points**

<p><b>Healeys Pharmacy</b> 2-3 Churchill Court Bolton Street Brixham TQ5 9DW Phone: 01803 858142 Fax: 01803 854142 Opening hours: Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00 Sat 9.00 – 13.00</p>	<p><b>Boots the Chemist</b> Unit 1 Wren Retail Park Torquay TQ2 7BJ Phone: 01803 615874 Fax: 01803 614522 Opening hours: Mon – Sat 8.30 – 24.00: Sun 9.30 – 24.00</p>
<p><b>Broadway Pharmacy</b> 1 Churston Broadway Dartmouth Road PaigntonTQ4 6LE Phone: 01803 842744 Fax: 01803 843702 Opening hours: Mon –Sat 9.00 – 17.30:</p>	<p><b>Boots the Chemist</b> 68 Union Street Torquay TQ2 5PS Phone: 01803 292708 Fax: 01803 291389 Opening hours: Mon – Sat 9.00 – 17.00: Sun 10.30 – 16.30 Lunchtime closure Mon – Sat 13.30 – 14.30 Sunday 13.30 – 14.00</p>
<p><b>Mayfield Pharmacy</b> 37 Totnes Road Paignton TQ4 5LA Phone: 01803 665229 Fax: 01803 521785 Opening hours: Mon – Fri 7.30 – 22.30: Sat 9.00 – 21.00: Sun 9.00 – 23.00</p>	<p><b>Babbacombe Pharmacy</b> 100 Redden hill Road Babbacombe Torquay TQ1 3NT Phone: 01803 312347 Fax: 01803316973 Opening hours: Mon – Fri 9.00 – 17.30 Sat 9.00 – 17.00</p>
<p><b>March Pharmacy</b> 32 Lucius Street Torquay TQ2 5UN Phone: 01803 292605 Fax: 01803 380076 Opening Hours: Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00 Sat 9.00 – 13.00</p>	<p><b>Sarsons Pharmacy</b> 5 Palace Avenue Paignton TQ3 3EF Phone: 01803 559015 Fax: 01803 525886 Opening Hours Mon – Fri 9.00 – 17.30 Sat 9.00 – 17.00</p>

<p><b>Crossways Pharmacy</b>  <b>26-27 Crossways,</b>  <b>Paignton</b>  <b>TQ4 5BL</b>  <b>Phone: 01803 555235</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 520629</b>  <b>Opening Hours:</b>  <b>Mon – Fri 9.00 – 17.30</b>  <b>Sat 9.00 – 13.00</b></p>	<p><b>Bay Pharmacy</b>  <b>52 Fore Street</b>  <b>Brixham</b>  <b>TQ5 8DS</b>  <b>Phone: 01803 852860</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 852860</b>  <b>Mon – Fri 9.00 – 17.30</b>  <b>Sat 9.00 – 13.00</b></p>
<p><b>Southover Pharmacy</b>  <b>Bronhill Road</b>  <b>Torquay</b>  <b>TQ21 3HD</b>  <b>Phone: 01803 313362</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 315059</b>  <b>Opening Hours:</b>  <b>Mon – Fri 9.00 – 18.00</b>  <b>Lunchtime closure</b>  <b>Mon – Fri 13.00 – 14.00</b>  <b>Sat 9.30 – 11.00</b></p>	<p><b>Watcombe Pharmacy</b>  <b>69 Fore Street</b>  <b>Torquay</b>  <b>TQ2 8BP</b>  <b>Phone: 01803 310196</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 310197</b>  <b>Mon – Fri 9.00 – 17.30</b>  <b>Lunchtime closure 13.00 – 13.30</b>  <b>Closed on Saturdays</b></p>
<p><b>ACP</b>  <b>Castle Circus Health Centre</b>  <b>Abbey Road</b>  <b>Torquay</b>  <b>Tel: 01803 217743</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 217260</b>  <b>Opening hours:</b>  <b>Mon – Sun : 7.00-17.00</b></p> <p><b>(This may change dependant on numbers of flu cases).</b></p>	<p><b>ACP</b>  <b>St Edmunds Community Care</b>  <b>Support Centre</b>  <b>Victoria Park Road</b>  <b>Plainmoor</b>  <b>Torquay, TQ1 3QH</b>  <b>Phone: 01803 217743</b>  <b>Fax: 01803 210260</b>  <b>Opening Hours:</b>  <b>Mon-Sun : 17.00-7.00</b></p>

## LINKS

Advice for Health Professionals:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&Page&HPAwebAutoListName/Page/1240812234677?p=1240812234677>

CMO letter 2.7.09 <https://www.cas.dh.gov.uk/ViewandAcknowledgment/ViewAlert.aspx?AlertID=101229>

This information leaflet is designed to help reduce the duplication of information being sent to practices. If you feel that this does not meet your needs or other information needs to be included please let us know. Contact: Stuart Goodchild ([stuart.goodchild2@nhs.net](mailto:stuart.goodchild2@nhs.net)), Gerry Cadogan ([gerry.cadogan@nhs.net](mailto:gerry.cadogan@nhs.net)) or Janice Chapman ([Janice.chapman@nhs.net](mailto:Janice.chapman@nhs.net)).