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This is the latest round-up of information for GP practices, produced by South East London CCG. Should you have any questions or need advice, contact your local borough primary care team in the first instance; they will escalate anything they can't resolve to south east London's Coronavirus co-ordination centre

Please check for any borough-specific information, which will be attached to this bulletin by your borough primary care commissioning team.

## Flu and immunisation

### Five reasons to vaccinate 2 and 3-year-olds

Really we should add a **sixth reason** to the list.

**Flu stock is running low in South east London - except for the 2 to 3 year-old cohort.**

So we need to focus our efforts on vaccinating this group right now. Flu can be really nasty for toddlers, and they can easily spread it to others who are more vulnerable.

If you need help in getting this message across please contact us now.

Or share a success story on how you've reached this cohort and we'll re-publish it here, in this bulletin.

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A leaflet from Public Health England and NHS. It features a photo of a young girl with long brown hair, smiling and holding up her hand with five fingers spread. The text reads: "Public Health England" and "NHS" in the top left and right corners respectively. The main heading is "flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child". Below this are five numbered points: 1. Protect your child. 2. Protect you, your family and friends. 3. No injection needed. 4. It's better than having flu. 5. Avoid costs. At the bottom, there is a section titled "What should I do?" with three columns of text providing instructions on when to contact a GP, what to expect from the school, and how to get the vaccine. The leaflet also includes the "HELP US HELP YOU" logo and the "Flu Immunisation" logo with the tagline "Helping to protect children, every winter".

# Reporting Covid-19 outbreaks and incidents

## Primary care guidance

As part of our collective measures to manage the Covid-19 pandemic, general practices are requested to ensure they notify NHS South East London CCG, as well as public health authorities, of instances where staff members test positive for Covid-19. This is vital to help us better support practices, and manage the overall spread of the virus.

As well as taking local action to support practices, the CCG will feed this information into the London-wide system, where all information about outbreaks and incidents in all settings (including general practice) is collated.

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### Please let us know if:

- Two or more members of staff test positive within a few days of each other. (If you are unsure about whether two cases are connected, please just let us know anyway).
- One positive staff member tests positive and there is potential for onward transmission to other staff and patients

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### Then please take the following actions:

1. Inform the **London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC)** by email: [lcrc@phe.gov.uk](mailto:lcrc@phe.gov.uk) and/or telephone: 0300 303 0450, that one of the above situations has occurred in the practice.
2. Inform the **NHS South East London CCG Incident Coordination Centre (ICC)** of this, via: [selccg.incident@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.incident@nhs.net)
3. Inform your **CCG borough primary care lead**.
4. Complete an **IIMARCH** form and submit this to the **CCG ICC** via [selccg.incident@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.incident@nhs.net). The **IIMARCH** form is specially devised by London Region and infection control specialists to record this data. The CCG's incident team will provide you with a copy of the IIMARCH form and help you to complete it.

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## Support

The **LCRC** should support your practice with the immediate next steps in the management of any incidents or outbreaks. We know there are sometimes delays in getting through to the LCRC team and we recommend that you phone and email.

Additional support can be accessed via local public health and your CCG borough primary care lead. Both can access specialist infection and prevention control advice.

Help with the reporting process, including the IIMARCH notification, can also be obtained via the CCG's ICC [selccg.incident@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.incident@nhs.net)

## NHS Trace and Trace App

We strongly encourage all NHS staff to download the NHS Track and Trace App. However, in line with advice to hospital trusts, it is suggested that staff switch off the contact tracing facility on the NHS App Track and Trace whilst they are at work and on the practice premises.

## Latest news

### EMIS and GP Connect update

Please find an [update](#) from SEL CCG on the current issues facing EMIS practices when booking 111 direct through GP Connect.

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### What do you think about this bulletin?

The SEL CCG GP bulletin started in April 2020 as a way to provide up-to-date and reliable information about Covid-19 for GPs.

But six months on is it still helpful? Can we improve it? Should it have a wider remit?

To answer these questions, we've designed a super [short survey](#) which will only take 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will really help us plan better communications with you, and we promise to publish the results here so you can see what people think across the whole of our patch. Thanks in advance.

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### Weekly update on staff Covid-19 testing

Please find a [link](#) to our weekly update on testing for primary care staff in South East London provided by the SEL Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Delivery Team.

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### New self-isolation service hub

A new self isolation service hub has been launched by NHS Test and Trace to help employers and employees through the process.

The London Coronavirus Response Cell has provided us with advice (below) for employers on how to use the service if one of their employees needs to self-isolate.

- It is critical that you follow up and call 020 3743 6715 as soon as you have had a positive case in your establishment (and every time thereafter), because all contacts identified are then formally logged with NHS Test & Trace.
- This allows those contacts who are eligible to receive a self-isolation support payment from their Local Authority.
- Without the NHS Test & Trace reference, they cannot receive financial support.
- You will need the CTAS ID of the person who had a positive case, in order to be able to record the contacts from your establishment – please ask the employee/person at your establishment who tested positive to provide this to you as soon as they receive it, so that you can call the hub as soon as possible to be able to support your employees and visitors at the earliest opportunity.
- Further guidance on who may be eligible and how to go about this can be found [here](#)

## Virtual seminars and conferences

### Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' has two upcoming virtual seminars for GPs and practice nurses.

#### Update on maternity care for GPs and practice nurses

1.30 to 2.30pm, Friday 6 November

Dr Manju Chandiramani, Consultant Obstetrician and Clinical Lead for Maternity Assessment Unit at Guy's and St Thomas', would like to invite you to a one hour interactive virtual seminar where you will learn how to improve the patient referrals and the management of antenatal and postnatal care. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

This event counts for one CPD point. To book [click here](#)

#### Ophthalmology for primary care

1.30 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 11 November

Ms Elodie Azan, Consultant Ophthalmologist, invites you to a one-hour interactive seminar with a practical overview of ophthalmologist cases in primary care.

Register [here](#). You'll then be sent an invitation link to join the seminar.

This talk counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you.

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### King's Health Partners - Clinical Academic Innovation Workshop Series

To hear about King's Health Partners' exciting work on novel technologies, diagnostics and therapeutics, register [here](#) for the next episode of their Innovation Workshop Series.

3 to 5pm, 11 November 2020.

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### Podcast for workforce planning

Workforce leads at Healthy London Partnership and Health Education England have together created a short podcast to help clinical directors complete the latest workforce planning template, which is due at the end of October.

The podcast can be found [here](#) and additional resources [here](#)

# Information from acute and mental health providers

## e-RS update

The latest versions of the documents outlining changes to referrals at our acute hospitals are below. Latest updates and key messages to practices are in red:

[GSTT Acute \(updated 30/09\)](#)

[King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 16/10\)](#)

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## Cancer updates

### South East London Cancer Alliance

[Cancer Updates for GPs - 19 October 2020](#)

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