



11th March 2020

Circular 08/20

Dear Pharmacist,

The HSE recognises the challenge on already busy pharmacies and seeks your cooperation in the weeks ahead. This is the first of a number of communications updating pharmacy contractors as to the specific actions that they can take to assist the HSE in their endeavours to manage the Coronavirus outbreak in a coordinated way.

It is vital to continuity of supply of essential medicines that stockpiling at pharmacy or patient level does not occur. Everyone has a part to play in this regard.

Pharmacies should not support patients trying to stockpile; these actions may put a strain on the supply chain and exacerbate any potential shortages and result in medicines not being available to other patients in need.

You are reminded that a month's supply is the maximum quantity allowed under the GMS or other Community Drugs Schemes.

The HSE website (www.hse.ie) will be updated on a regular basis for the most up to date Covid 19 information.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Flanagan'.

Shaun Flanagan
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