

To Supermarket Staff

**RE: Dedicated shopping hours for NHS**

We welcome the announcement that all NHS key workers will be offered dedicated priority shopping hours during the coronavirus outbreak.

Pharmacy teams are an essential part of the NHS working on the frontline supporting patients and the public right across the country.

As you will be aware pharmacy teams are working hard on the frontline to support the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for supporting our profession in coping with the additional demands from COVID-19.

Many pharmacy team members will not have dedicated NHS ID badges, therefore as the professional body for pharmacists in Great Britain, please accept this letter, stamped by their workplace, as validation of this individual's status as a key worker for the delivery of frontline NHS services.

Yours sincerely,



Sandra Gidley FRPharmS  
President, Royal Pharmaceutical Society



66 East Smithfield  
London, E1W 1AW

T: 020 7572 2737  
E: [support@rpharms.com](mailto:support@rpharms.com)  
W: [rpharms.com](http://rpharms.com)

Patron:  
Her Majesty The Queen

Chief Executive:  
Paul Bennett FRPharmS

President:  
Sandra Gidley FRPharmS

England Board Chair:  
Claire Anderson FRPharmS

Scotland Board Chair:  
Jonathan Burton MBE FRPharmS

Wales Board Chair:  
Suzanne Scott-Thomas FRPharmS