

Date	Information and suggested action
1st January 2026	<p>Pharmacy First: Updated Pharmacy First caps come into force for January 2026.</p> <p>Action: If not already done so, check the NHSBSA website to see what your Pharmacy First cap is for this month.</p>
5th January 2026	<p>COVID-19: Registration for the spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Service opens (pharmacy owners must register by 2nd February 2026 to guarantee supplies in time for the start of the spring season). Pharmacy owners must complete their electronic registration declaration using this form (this form will only be open from 5th January 2026). This is an interim arrangement until the NHSBSA's (MYS registration is available in April 2026).</p>
7th January 2026	<p>Supervision: Pharmacists can authorise pharmacy teams to hand out checked and bagged prescriptions (Human Medicines Regulation 2012, Regulation 220B).</p>
31st January 2026	<p>COVID-19: Autumn/winter 2025/26 COVID-19 Vaccination Service ends.</p> <p>Action: At the end of the day remove any promotional materials for the autumn/winter 2025/26 COVID-19 Vaccination Service (including any on your website) and ensure all staff are aware that the service has now finished for 2025/26.</p>
	<p>COVID-19: Last day for national booking service (NBS) booked appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations.</p>

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2nd February 2026	<p>COVID-19: Deadline for registering for the spring 2026 COVID-19 Vaccination Service to guarantee supplies in time for the start of the spring season. Pharmacy owners can continue to register for the COVID-19 vaccination service after 2nd February 2026, but they are not guaranteed to receive supplies of the COVID-19 vaccine for the start of the spring campaign.</p> <p>PQS: Declaration window opens at 9am.</p> <p>Action: If you wish to make a PQS declaration ensure you claim for this on the MYS portal between 9am on 2nd February 2026 and 11.59pm on 27th February 2026.</p> <p>ToS: Start date for the second national health campaign on Pharmacy First.</p> <p>Participation in this campaign is a mandatory requirement for all pharmacy owners.</p> <p>Action: Read the news story to understand what you need to do to meet the requirements.</p>
After the PQS	<p>PQS: Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Use of a spacer in patients aged 5-15 years' quality criterion, as part of PQS.</p>

<p>declaration has been made (the declaration must be made between 9am on 2nd February 2026 and 11.59pm on 27th February 2026)</p>	<p>PQS: Pharmacy teams do not need to continue with the 'Referrals for patients using three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers without any corticosteroid inhaler in six months' quality criterion, as part of PQS.</p>
<p>3rd February 2026</p>	<p>PQS: Deadline to start the Antimicrobial Stewardship – Pharmacy First consultations clinical audit (this is eight weeks until 31st March 2026, which is the deadline for ensuring the requirements of the quality criteria have been met).</p>
<p>22nd February 2026</p>	<p>ToS: End date for the second national health campaign on Pharmacy First.</p>

**27th
February
2026**

PQS: Declaration window closes at 11.59pm.

Action: If you wish to make a PQS declaration ensure you have claimed for this on the MYS portal by the end of the day.