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Dear Colleague,

**The Human Medicines (Coronavirus) (Further Amendments) Regulations 2020**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that amendments have been made to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012. The Statutory Instrument (SI) titled **The Human Medicines (Coronavirus) (Further Amendments) Regulations 2020** was laid before Parliament on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. A link to the SI is available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2020/1594>

Among other amendments, the SI provides that Patient Group Directions (PGDs) allowing a retail pharmacy business to administer COVID-19 or influenza vaccines may be used at a location other than a registered pharmacy, thus making it lawful for administration of such vaccines away from the registered pharmacy premises.

The amendment to PGD provisions described above came into force on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020, is restricted to COVID-19 and influenza vaccines only, is time limited and will expire on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Yours sincerely

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