September weekend GP closures – South Ayrshire

With GP practices closing for the September local holiday weekend (Friday 19 - Monday 21 September), South Ayrshire residents are being urged to prepare to cope with any common health concerns.

Community pharmacists can answer questions on choosing and using the right medicine and provide easy-to-understand advice on treating everyday ailments such as coughs, colds and flu. NHS 24 also has a number of community pharmacists who are able to answer medicine and pharmacy-related questions over the telephone on 111.

You can also do a number of things to ensure you are prepared to deal with common illnesses for the coming months. Have a sufficient supply of medicines like paracetamol, sore throat and cough remedies, as these will help to relieve the symptoms of common ailments. If you take regular medication, you should check your existing supplies and only order what you need to ensure you have enough to see you through the holiday weekend.

Your community pharmacist can:

- prescribe medication for you following a consultation, if you qualify for the Minor Ailments Service;
- give you advice on the best way to take your medicines;
- give women advice and supply emergency hormonal contraception;
- dispense prescriptions;
- give advice on diet and exercise;
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• give advice, support and where appropriate, prescribe nicotine replacement therapy to those giving up smoking;
• hold records of your medicines to ensure that the safety of any future medication is checked;
• provide a private area to discuss sensitive issues; and
• give you advice over the telephone.

Many pharmacies also offer:

• advice on travel health;
• pregnancy testing;
• collection and delivery of prescriptions;
• supervised methadone supply; and
• needle exchange.

Most pharmacies in South Ayrshire are open on Friday 18 September with the exception of:

• Dundonald Pharmacy, 11 Main Street, Dundonald
• Coylton Pharmacy, 13a Main Street, Coylton
• Mossblown Chemist, Mauchline Road, Mossblown
• Tarbolton Pharmacy, The Cross, Tarbolton
• Alloway Pharmacy, 21 Alloway, Ayr
• Rowlands Pharmacy, 29 Mount Oliphant Crescent, Ayr
• Ogg & Co, 44 Newmarket Street, Ayr
• Symington Pharmacy, 47 Brewlands Drive, Symington

Most pharmacies in South Ayrshire will be closed on Monday 21 September with the exception of:
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- Boots the Chemist, 168/170 High Street, Ayr, open 9am - 5pm
- Boots, Unit 5, 49 Academy Street, Troon, open 10am - 5pm
- Morrisons, Castlehill Road, Ayr, open 9am – 5pm
- Lloyds, 146 Dalmellington Road, Ayr, open 10am – 2pm
- Seafield Pharmacy, 43 Blackburn Drive, Ayr, open 9am – 6pm
- JG Brodie, 15 Templehill, Troon, open 9am – 5.30pm
- Boots, 49 Academy Street, Troon, open 10am – 5pm
- Stevenson Chemist, 131 Deveron Road, Troon, 9am – 1pm
- Boots, 89 Main Street, Prestwick, 11am – 3pm

If you need a doctor urgently and your GP’s surgery is closed, call NHS 24 on 111.
For emergency dental treatment, call NHS 24 on 111.

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