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Please share any of the following messages with your networks

Half term emergency food voucher scheme

Isle of Wight Council has announced [delivery of a one-off emergency food voucher to help Islanders](#) in urgent need over this half term.

The voucher is worth £15 per child and can be spent in local supermarkets. Residents need to check eligibility and apply by calling our COVID-19 Helpline on 01983 823600.

Eligible families must apply directly to the helpline before 4pm on Wednesday 1 June to claim their voucher. The voucher can be emailed or posted out.

The scheme is available for:

- families eligible for benefits-related free school meals
- children with a social worker
- children open to early help
- 2 to 4 year-olds eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium

Please share our [Facebook post](#) about the scheme.

Other useful contacts for support

- The Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline: 01983 823600
- Islehelp.me
- Citizens Advice: 0800 144 88 48 or citizensadviceiw.org.uk
- [Help through crisis](#)
- Mental health support: iwmentalhealth.co.uk and NHS111 or [get medical help - NHS 111](#)
- keeptheislandsafe.org/support

Have a safe half term

As the Island gets busier please remind residents that COVID-19 is still in circulation in the community. Please encourage everyone you know to help alleviate pressures on the NHS. The [keeptheislandsafe.org website](http://keeptheislandsafe.org) is still kept up to date.

We have been asked to share a couple of key NHS messages ahead of the bank holiday:

Get the right medical help (graphic attached)

Make sure you get the right medical help this half term.

- 999. Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies
- 111. If you need medical help fast or you think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E), call NHS111* first to get clinical advice or direction to the most

appropriate service for treatment. Trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day.

- GP or Pharmacy. For all other health needs contact your pharmacy or GP practice. You can also access NHS advice and medical support at 111.nhs.uk.

*If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, you can use the NHS 111 British Sign Language interpreter service via www.nhs.uk/111 or call 18001111 on a textphone.

Plan ahead for bank holiday weekend prescriptions

If you need to pick up your prescriptions over the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday please plan ahead for the extended Jubilee bank holiday weekend, Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June.

Patients who take regularly prescribed medication are asked to request their repeat prescriptions in plenty of time. You can find a list of Isle of Wight pharmacy opening times [on this page](#).

Please share this [Facebook post from the IOW NHS Trust](#) with your residents.

COVID-19 vaccination update

It's still critical we all get jabbed with first, second and booster doses, not just to protect ourselves, but also our loved ones and our communities. Full information about the [COVID-19 vaccination is available on the NHS website](#).

The Riverside Centre, Newport PO30 2QR is still offering walk-in appointments every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 8 am to 7.30 pm.

If you would prefer you can book an appointment by calling 119 or [online](#). Islanders can also call the local COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0300 561 0018 to find their nearest site (including walk-ins and pop-ups) and book their next appointment.

COVID-19 vaccination for children

All children aged 5 to 11 are eligible for their first COVID-19 vaccination. The vaccine is a specially developed version for children.

Appointments for children must be booked via the [national booking system](#).

Platinum Jubilee events

There are many events on around the Island for Jubilee and we have put together a (non-exhaustive) [list of events on our website](#).

Our [libraries](#) and [museums](#) are also open with many free activities for families.

Thank you for your support