

## News

# Pharmacists 'unable to maintain social distancing' at work and risk infection

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A new snapshot survey of pharmacists from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society shows that the majority of pharmacists are unable to maintain social distancing at work and one in three still can't get continuous supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

A huge 94% of respondents said they were unable to maintain 2m social distancing from other staff in their workplace. This is because pharmacies, and their dispensaries in particular, are often small and simply don't allow for social distancing. Another 40% of respondents said they were unable to maintain social distancing from patients.

In addition to the practical difficulties they face, 34% of respondents said they are unable to source continuous supplies of PPE to protect themselves from potential infection by the public or colleagues at work.