

# Advice for pharmacists to assist patients in home isolation

## Obtaining the prescription

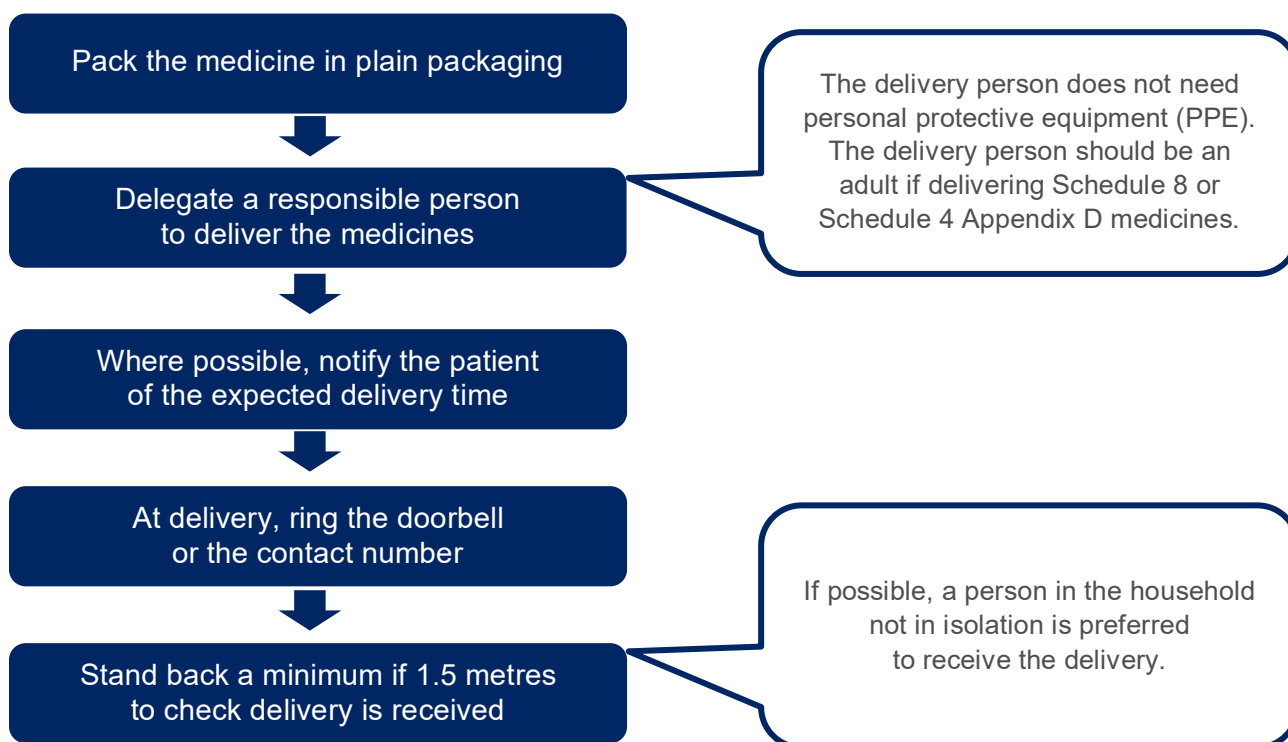
### If the patient has a prescription or repeat prescription at home

Ask the patient to get a friend/carer not in isolation to present the prescription or repeat to the pharmacy and deliver the dispensed medicines to the home.

### If the patient does not have a prescription or repeat prescription at home

- Ask the patient to organise their prescription by phoning their usual GP
- A friend/carer can collect the prescription and present it to the pharmacy or the GP can phone, fax or email a prescription to the pharmacist, and mail the original prescription within 24 hours.

## Delivering the medicines



## Special temporary authority for emergency supply

A special temporary authority to allow the pharmacist to supply ongoing therapy of prescription medicines (other than Schedule 4 Appendix D and Schedule 8 medicines), during the COVID-19 pandemic, is in place until 30 September 2020.

The pharmacist can supply a Schedule 4 medication without a prescription, where the pharmacist is satisfied there is immediate need, the medicine has been previously prescribed, be for continuation of current essential treatment and it is impracticable to obtain a prescription.

See 'what's new' at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/pages/default.aspx>