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News

Headlines Record number training to become GPs in Wales in 2020

GP recruitment figures in Wales have reached a record high for the third year running. A total of 200 prospective GPs were recruited this year, which is 7% higher than last year's figure of 186.

£500 self-isolation payment scheme now open

People on low incomes who have had a coronavirus or who have been instructed to self-isolate by the NHS Wales Safeguarding Tracking Testing service can now apply for a payment of £500.

Loon for your local authority to apply for a self-isolation payment

You can apply for a payment of £500 from your local authority if you have been told that you should self-isolate and if you cannot work from home.

Devolved nations call for concerted effort to reach those in need Letter urging UK-wide benefits strategy

The devolved administrations have united in calling on the UK Government to ensure that those individuals entitled to financial support receive it.

First Minister outlines plans to hold 'covid safe' elections for Parliament

First Minister Mark Drakeford has outlined plans to ensure that the people of Wales can vote safely in the 2021 Parliamentary elections, and that the elections are held as planned on 6 May 2021.

Pilot new measures in emergency departments in Wales

Health Minister Vaughan Gething has announced a new set of experimental measures for accident and emergency departments.

Nhs Wales performance data resumes – Minister's response

Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services Vaughan Gething on the resumption of the publication of NHS Wales performance data.

Further support for social care workers with their well-being during the pandemic

Social care workers in the independent sector in Wales will be given greater support to safeguard their well-being during the pandemic.

Social care workforce special payments scheme

Final guidance on eligibility for payment.

Coronavirus regulations: frequently asked questions

Guidelines to protect yourself during the period of the coronavirus and what rules are in place to protect people.

Guidance for tourism and hospitality businesses

Guidance for tourism and hospitality businesses to keep workers and visitors safe during a coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Cultural and heritage destinations and locations: Guidelines for phased return

Guidance for organisations and individuals in Wales managing cultural and heritage destinations and venues open to the public

Schools: coronavirus guidelines

Changes to learning and teaching in schools from September

Examination and assessment guidance: 2020 to 2021

Knowledge of examinations and assessments, including A levels, during a coronavirus pandemic.

Higher education: coronavirus

Information on higher education and student support during the coronavirus pandemic.

Going home safely at the end of term: guidance for students

Guidance for students planning to return home at the end of term.

COVID-19 mass testing: Merthyr Tydfil

Everyone living or working in the Merthyr Tydfil Council area will be offered a COVID-19 test, whether they have symptoms or not.

Regional coronavirus testing facilities

Wales' testing capacity has been supported by an extensive network of facilities across the country.

Guidelines for the protection of people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable to coronavirus (COVID-19) – formerly the 'protection' scheme

Guidance on the protection and protection of persons defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable as a result of the COVID-19

Written Statement: Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations

Travellers exempt from Welsh border rules

To explain who will be exempt from the new Welsh boundary rules introduced as a result of the coronavirus. The rules will apply to travellers to the UK from 8 June 2020.

Tracking contacts: support for workers and the self-employed

Support for people who are self-isolated.

Guidance for childcare providers on Childcare Offer Wales

What must childcare providers do as a result of reopening applications for 30 hours of early education and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

Guidance for parents on The Childcare Offer for Wales: the coronavirus

What to do if you have applied, or wish to apply, for 30 hours of early education and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

Employers: testing guidelines, traceability, protection of the coronavirus

Employer responsibilities to help with coronavirus testing and contact tracking.

Statutory sick pay enhancement scheme for COVID-19

Assistance to care workers who are required to stay home from work due to an actual case of COVID-19 or a case

Other

Senate news passes bill to revolutionise democracy and local government

Parliament has passed a bill to reform elections, democracy, performance and governance in local government.

Again, the bathing water quality of Wales is excellent: 100% for the third year of the

Again, 100% of all beaches in Wales comply with the high quality standards for bathing water.

Welsh Government plans major reduction in emissions from transport in publication

of new 20-year plan

The Welsh Government published its new draft Transport Strategy promising a major reduction in carbon emissions from the transport network in Wales.

Wales ready to restart funding programmes after leaving the European Union

The Welsh Government has announced new funding arrangements to replace those administered by the European Union. The new arrangements will empower local decision makers to support investment closer to the communities they serve.

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Better mental health for men and boys tops the agenda on International Men's Day

International Men's Day is celebrated in 60 countries around the world on 19 November each year and aims to highlight the broad issues relevant to men in a gender-inclusive way.

Publication of the first report of the black and asian minority ethnic education resource working group

An interim report has been published by the working group established to strengthen education resources relating to black and Asian and minority ethnic communities.

An opportunity for schoolchildren to design the First Minister's Christmas card

The winning card will be sent to the Queen and the Elected President of the United States, Joe Biden.

Legislation, Technical Advice and Statistics

Coronavirus legislation and guidance on the law

The laws and guidance on these laws were passed in Wales in response to a coronavirus pandemic.

Advice on the coronavirus from the Technical Advice Cell

Information to help ministers respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in a way that is in the best interests of the people of Wales.

Technical Advice Group: review of evidence on children and young people under the age of 18 in pre-school, school or college provision following the short suspension period

Review of evidence on children and young people in education after the short suspension period.

Statistics and coronavirus-related research (COVID-19)

Latest data and analysis on the impact of coronavirus on Welsh society.

Promotional Material and Welsh Safeguarding

Toolkits Promotional material

Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding

Testing, Tracking and Diogleu promotional material including promotional material for the new NHS COVID-19 app

Business Wales Toolkit

Practical resources to help employers keep their employees safe in the workplace.

COVID-19 risk assessment tool for the workforce

This resource helps you consider your personal risk factors for COVID-19 and recommends how you can stay safe.

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Do you use the NHS COVID-19 app? The app allows you to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test, and register at locations by scanning a QR code. The app does this while protecting your anonymity. If you have already downloaded the app, be sure to use it - the more people who use the app, the greater our chances of reducing the spread of the virus. The app is an important part of our Testing, Tracking, Protection program.

COVID Symptoms Study

Help us fight coronavirus by reporting on your health on a daily basis, even if you are feeling fine.

You can help the NHS in the fight against the coronavirus by completing a daily health survey on [the COVID Symptoms Study app](#). This app is suitable for everyone, not just for the individuals with symptoms.

The app will help us understand the symptoms and spread of COVID-19. By answering some quick questions, you can help us plan our response to coronavirus.

We will not share your answers beyond the NHS and trusted organisations that work directly with the NHS to respond to the coronavirus.

Testing, tracking and safeguarding

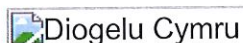
A campaign is underway to raise public and key worker awareness of the Welsh Government's Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding strategy. The latest information on the strategy, including guidance for employers, is on the website. (<https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>). Video material has produced to use in campaigns and for stakeholders to share on its channelling. You can download the digital material here and **would** appreciate it if you would share on your social channels, in order to share information about the Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding strategy.

Information

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Education and childcare

Guidance on coronavirus for parents, all those working in education and childcare providers

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Businesses and employers

Support to help businesses and third sector organisations affected by the coronavirus

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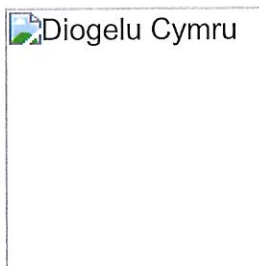
Health advice

Staying at home, self-isolated, supported as an extremely vulnerable person



Health and social care professionals

The coronavirus guidance for the NHS and people working in social, community and residential care



Or

Guidance for landlords, park homes (mobile) and rough sleeping services during the coronavirus pandemic



Travel

Advice on the coronavirus for people returning from a foreign country or planning to travel



Volunteering (third sector)

Volunteering during the coronavirus pandemic, support for the third sector



Community services

Planning, fire, domestic abuse and sexual violence



Jobs, skills and financial support

Help with benefits, staying in work and getting new skills

Useful links

[Welsh Government](#)

[Public Health Wales](#)

[Busnes Cymru](#)

[Look at each other](#)

[Volunteering Wales](#)

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A newsletter to provide up-to-date information and advice from the Welsh Government on the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

More information on the web:

gov.wales/coronafeirws

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