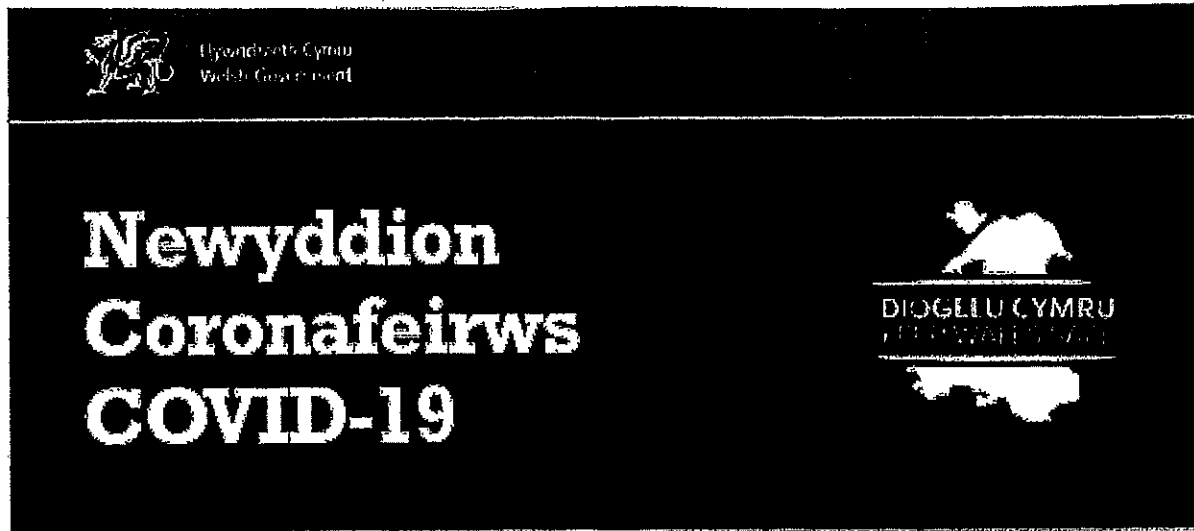


27th November 2020

News Headlines

£3.5m Circular Economy Fund opened to public bodies to support green recovery

A new £3.5m round of the Circular Economy Fund to support public bodies to respond after COVID and support green recovery in Wales is opening up.

Additional £2.6m for local authorities to support Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Local councils in all parts of Wales are to receive an additional £2.6m to help them meet the increase in demand for support under the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

Free flu vaccination available to over 50s across Wales

From next week onwards for Tuesday 1 December a Welsh NHS flu vaccination will be available free of charge to anyone aged 50 and over.

Four UK nations agree new rules for festive period

The governments of the four UK countries have agreed a wide-ranging set of UK-wide measures to help people get together with their loved ones during the festive period, in a way that is as safe as possible.

Changes to the policy on face coverings in schools and colleges

Pupils and staff in secondary schools and colleges will be expected to wear face coverings everywhere outside the classroom and on school transport.

Installation of small temporary care home visits units

On Monday 23 the Health Minister announced that small temporary units would be installed for visitors to care homes across Wales to make it easier for them to visit their loved ones over Christmas and the winter months.

Guidance

Coronavirus regulations: frequently asked questions

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

Forming a Christmas bubble with friends and family

Guidance on forming a Christmas bubble with friends and family.

Christmas Advice for sheltered people

Form a Christmas bubble if you are extremely vulnerable clinically.

Keeping records about staff, customers and visitors: testing, tracking, safeguarding .

Guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 21 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.4) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

How to self-isolate when travelling to Wales: coronavirus (COVID-19)

What you have to do to protect Wales from the coronavirus when arriving from abroad.

Travellers exempt from Welsh border rules: coronavirus (COVID-19)

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.

Self-Employed Income Support Scheme through the coronavirus period

The scheme is being extended from 1 November. The first grant will apply to a period of 3 months from the beginning of November to the end of January.

Safeguards in childcare settings: keeping childcare safe

How to prepare your childcare service to allow more children to attend, and protect them and your staff from the coronavirus.

Safe use of multipurpose community centres (COVID-19)

Guidance on the safe reopening and use of multipurpose community centres.

Guidance on college transport: COVID-19

How to plan and manage dedicated transport for further education learners.

Public transport: guidance for operators

Transport providers follow this guidance to protect passengers from the coronavirus.

Operational guidance for schools and settings from the autumn term

How schools and other providers can make their sites safe for staff and learners.

Operational guidance: further education and post-16 .

Guidance setting out the arrangements for the safe delivery of learning in the further education, work-based and adult learning sectors from 1 September 2020.

Other News

UK-wide transport review must address the more than £2.4bn underinvestment in Welsh railways

Ken Skates has said that the recently published 'Union Connectivity Review' should be used as an opportunity to remedy the UK Government's neglect in relation to Welsh railways.

Invest £35 million in Welsh homes for the future

Low carbon housing, the back-letting of elements to improve energy efficiency, and training opportunities for prisoners will be some of the features of projects that will receive funding to create affordable homes for the future.

Welsh Government works with baME community partners to address racial inequality in Wales

The Welsh Government has awarded 25 grants totalling £115,580 to community groups across Wales to help ensure that black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) voices are heard in the development of the Race Equality Action Plan for Wales.

To lift the special measures on Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, confirmed on Tuesday 24 November that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board will no longer be under special measures.

Have your say on local Walking and Cycling Routes

The Welsh Government is taking forward its ambition to make active travel a realistic alternative by making it easier for people to tell their local councils where existing routes need to be improved and New routes built.

The most successful year ever for Wales after exceeding its recycling target of 64%

The recycling rate for Wales has reached a record level, with the country as a whole exceeding the latest recycling target, and recycling 65.14% of waste in 2019/20, according to published statistics.

Welsh Government launches National Peatlands Action Programme to help lock

up carbon and re-invigorate vital habitats

The environmentally important management and regeneration of Wales' peatlands – helping with the country's response to the climate crisis – will be outlined under a new programme announced today (Friday, November 27).

Support for communities and organisations as Wales seeks to tackle the biodiversity crisis

As experts and those operating across Wales to restore nature gather at the Wales Biodiversity Partnerships Conference, today the new Green Recovery Capacity Building Scheme is opening up for the environmental sector.

"The Chancellor has made the wrong decisions and broken promises" – Finance Minister's response to the UK Government's Spending Review

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans has responded to the UK Government's Spending Review today by expressing her "deep concern and disappointment" that promises have been broken and the wrong decisions made.

Welsh Government's National Violence against Women Advisers scheme launched on White Ribbon Day

On White Ribbon Day, the National Councillors for Wales on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV) release their annual plan outlining their objectives and priorities for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2021.

"The UK Government must respect devolution" – Wales and Scotland

Ministers from Scotland and Wales have insisted that the UK Government must do the right thing, respect devolution and stick to its commitment to provide exactly the same amount of funding instead of EU funding.

Over 200 statues, streets and buildings in Wales linked to the slave trade are listed in a national audit

In July, following the death of George Floyd and a month of action by the Black Lives Matter movement, the First Minister, Mark Drakeford, was asked for an urgent examination of statues, buildings and street names to address Wales's links with slavery and the slave trade.

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 Cell: summary of advice 20 November 2020

Summary of coVID-19 advice provided to The Welsh Ministers on 20 November 2020.

Statistics and coronavirus-related research (COVID-19)

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

Welsh Diegu Promotional

Material and Toolkits

Coronavirus information sheet: protecting Wales this winter

How you can help stop the spread of the Coronavirus

Information sheet on the coronavirus:alternative languages

How can you help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

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.

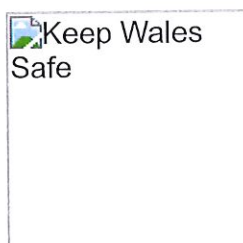
The app will help us understand the symptoms and spread of COVID-19. By answering some quick questions, you can help us plan our response to coronavirus.

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

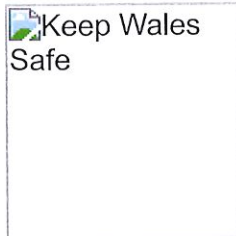
A campaign is underway to raise public and key worker awareness of the Welsh Government's Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding strategy. The latest information on the strategy, including guidance for employers, is on the website. (<https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>). Video material has 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.

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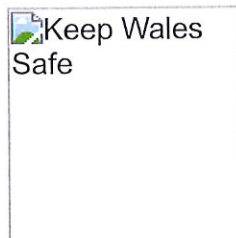
Education and childcare

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



Businesses and employers

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



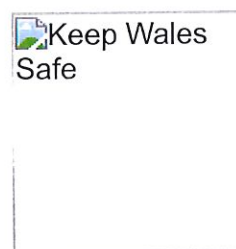
Health advice

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



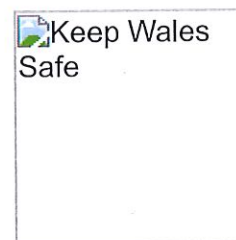
Health and social care professionals

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

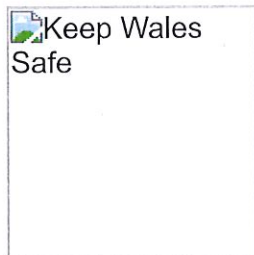
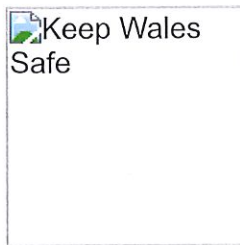


Volunteering (third sector)

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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