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Safeguarding Wales

- stay at home
- meet people you live with only
- social distancing
- wash your hands regularly
- work from home if you can

Wales is all at alert level 4

News Headlines

an extra £40 million to support students facing financial hardship

The Welsh Government will today announce an additional £40m for universities to support students facing financial hardship. This will help the students most affected by the pandemic with expenses such as accommodation costs.

More than £1.7 billion reaches businesses in Wales

Businesses in Wales have received over £1.7 billion from the Welsh Government since the start of the pandemic.

Changes to qualifications confirmed by Education Minister Kirsty Williams following further disruption to learning

Learners in Wales studying for GCSEs, AS and A levels approved by Qualifications Wales this year will receive grades set by their school or college, based on work they have completed during their course.

App launched in Wales to help support people with long COVID symptoms

An app to help people recover from COVID has been launched as part of wider support offered to individuals living with long-term effects after they have had coronavirus.

A quarter of a million pounds increase to the Carers Support Fund

An additional £250,000 has been announced to help unpaid Carers in Wales cope with the financial pressures of the coronavirus pandemic.

50 learners per second sign in to online learning and other ways that show how Wales is 'leading the way' in digital services to support distance learning

More than 35,000 laptops and tablets will be provided to learners over the coming weeks, bringing the total provided by Welsh Government since the start of the coronavirus pandemic to more than 133,000.

Thanks to all our fantastic volunteers in Wales – stay safe at Alert Level 4

Deputy Minister and Chief Whip Jane Hutt today thanked all the wonderful and kind people from all walks of life across Wales who volunteer to help communities face lockdown together.

Ministers seek Parliamentary consent for emergency bill to control Senedd election during COVID pandemic

The Welsh Government is to seek permission from Parliament for the introduction of an emergency bill to ensure the next Senedd election is held safely, enabling constituents to take part and vote during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Written Statement: Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) Regulations 2020

Other

News A further

£3

The Government of Wales is providing a further £3 million for projects that support, improve and deliver the everyday goods and services that we use and need all of us

Welsh Government endorses Commission recommendations

Confirmation of how congestion is to be tackled in South East Wales was confirmed following approval by the Welsh Government of the South East Wales Transport Commission.

One in ten workers in Wales do not understand rights in the workplace well

According to recent research by YouGov, one in ten workers who answered the survey in Wales do not have a good understanding of their rights in the workplace.

Update on works at junction 19 on the A55

Essential work to install new joints on the Glan Conwy Viaduct at junction 19 on the A55 has been rescheduled for the end of the month.

Guidance

Alert level 4: frequently asked questions

Guidance on how to protect yourself and what rules are in place to protect people at alert level 4.

Getting a vaccine from COVID-19

Find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination programme and how the vaccine will be implemented.

Examination and assessment guidance: 2020 to 2021

Information on examinations and assessments, including A levels, during a coronary artery pandemic.

Higher education: coronavirus

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

Childcare and play: level 4 warning frequently asked questions

Guidance for parents and childcare providers below alert level 4.

Guidance for parents on the Childcare Offer for Wales: coronavirus

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

Guidance for childcare providers on the Childcare Offer for Wales: coronavirus

Guidance for the provision of 30 hours of early education and childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

Advice for nannies and their employers: coronavirus

How coronavirus regulations affect nannies or their employers.

Public transport: guidance for operators

Transport providers are following this guidance to protect passengers from coronavirus.

Travelling safely (coronavirus): guidance for the public

How to be safe when walking, cycling and travelling by vehicle or public transport during the coronavirus pandemic.

Financial help to pay your bills during the coronavirus pandemic

Financial help to help you pay your rent, mortgage or bills if you're working, self-employed, ill and unable to work, have lost your job or are furloughed.

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

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

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 the coronavirus pandemic.

Evidence and data used to inform coronavirus restrictions

The evidence the Welsh Government is using to decide how to protect everyone from coronavirus.

Coronavirus advice from the TechnicalAdvice 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: council summary 15 January 2021

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 15 January 2021.

TECHNICAL Advice Group: risks of infection with SARS-CoV-2 in indoor exercise facilities

The main risks associated with the use of indoor exercise facilities, defined here as gyms, leisure centres and dance or exercise classes, in the context of COVID-19 before outlining a number of mitigation options.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) related statisticsand research

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

Impact assessments: coronavirus

Assessments of how our measures to manage COVID-19 impact on equality.

Promotional Material and Toolkits

Safeguarding Wales promotional material

Lockdown assets, the new type of coronavirus and stronger messages – including links for Covid information in other languages, on the Welsh Government website. UPDATED

Alert Level 4

These are the assets for Level 4 regulations, including an Easy Read leaflet, a BSL clip and an easy-to-share leaflet in other languages.

Test, Trace and Protect promotional material

Test, Trace, Protect is the Welsh Government's strategy for testing the public and tracking the spread of coronavirus in Wales. There are ongoing Test, Trace, Protect communications to let people know about symptoms, test, self-isolate, contact tracing, self-isolation support and the NHS COVID-19 app. The latest posters, explanation documents and multilingual assets are available [here](#)

New videos and social media assets are also regularly produced for stakeholders to share through their own channels. The assets are available to download [here](#) - spread these to your networks and use them across your internal and external channels to help share information about Test, Trace, Protect.

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.

NHS COVID-19 App

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, remember to use it - the more people use the app, the greater our chances of reducing the spread of the virus. The app is an important part of our Test, Trace, Protect program.

COVID Symptom Study

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

You can help the NHS in the fight against coronavirus by completing a daily health survey on the **COVID Symptom 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 working directly with the NHS to respond to coronavirus.

Testing, tracking and protection

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

Information



Education and childcare

Coronavirus guidance for parents, all those working in education and childcare providers



Businesses and employers

Support to help businesses and third sector organisations affected by coronavirus



Health advice

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



Health and social care professionals

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

Coronavirus advice for people coming back from abroad 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 at work and gaining new skills

Useful links

[Welsh Government](#)

[Public Health Wales](#)

[Business Wales](#)

[Looking at each other](#)

[Volunteering Wales](#)

million for everyday economy projects

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

More information on the web:

gov.wales/coronavirus

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