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Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



Safeguarding Wales

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

Wales is all at warning level 4

News Headlines

[On the eve of Christmas, we ask you to think carefully about what 'you should' do, rather than what you 'can' do.](#)

The First Minister and welsh public service leaders have issued a message to the people of Wales before Christmas.

[Written Statement: New advice for The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable – formerly the 'protection' scheme](#)

Minister for Health and Social Services

[Statement by the Chief Medical Officer for Wales on amendments to the Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No.5\) Regulations 2020](#)

A statement from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales on the need to move to a Level 4 Notice from midnight on 19 December and change the arrangements to

relax the restrictions over Christmas so that 2 households can now only meet on Christmas Day.

Economic Resilience fund vital to protect 257 jobs with Pontypool company

The Welsh Government's unique Economic Resilience Fund has helped to protect 257 jobs with a car parts manufacturing company in Pontypool.

Serial testing to be piloted by South Wales Police

A four-week pilot for asymptomatic serial testing with South Wales Police has been announced by the Health Minister.

Welsh Government and police unite to protect victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence this Christmas

Domestic abuse and sexual violence will not go away over the festive period.

"Anyone can feel lonely" says Welsh Government Ministers, "but help and support is available"

The new findings of the Welsh Government's National Survey on loneliness confirm that loneliness is strongly linked to how happy someone is, and that lonely people are much less satisfied with their life.

Other News

A budget to protect health and jobs, build a greener future and create change for a more equal Wales

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans has announced a draft Budget for Wales which includes plans to invest an extra £420m for health and social services, together with funding to protect the economy, build a greener future and create change for a more equal Wales.

Minister announces £6.3 billion Local Government Finance Settlement

Housing and Local Government Minister Julie James has announced that councils in Wales will receive £6.3 billion in capital and revenue funding from the Welsh Government next year.

£110m Mid Wales Growth deal reaches key milestone

The Mid Wales Growth Deal reached an important milestone today as the Welsh Government, UK Government and the region's local authorities signed the Heads of Terms.

Major milestone on Caernarfon and Bontnewydd bypass as work on the viaduct begins

The joint venture building the Caernarfon and Bontnewydd bypass has reached a major milestone, as the steelworks is built on the two viaducts that are a key part of the scheme.

Changes to Land Transaction Tax rates and bands

In the draft budget, on 21 December 2020, the Welsh Government announced changes to the rates and bands of higher residential rates, and the non-resident

of Land Transaction Tax (TTT). The interim increase to the zero rate band of TTT for residential property transactions will end on March 31, 2021.

Sky's Christmas film, Roald A Beatrix, shows Creative Wales at Its Best

People are eagerly looking forward to a Christmas film on Sky One, which is being broadcast for the first time on Christmas Eve. It will be an opportunity for Wales to attract attention and to demonstrate the creative potential that it has.

Guidance

Warning level 4: frequently asked questions

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

Important changes to blood donation rules

Wales has taken an important decision to lift the restrictions that prevent LESBIAN, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) from giving blood.

Travel and transport: advice

Information for travel across Wales during the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Public transport: guidance for operators

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

Business closures: alert level 4

Businesses that have to close at alert level 4.

Guidance for tourism and hospitality businesses: coronavirus

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

House movement during the coronavirus pandemic: housing sector (alert level 4)

How landlords, housing agencies and developers can prepare for visits, access properties and reopen offices.

Sport and recreation: guidelines for a phased return

Guidance for people working in the sports and leisure industries.

Visits to care homes: guidance for providers

Guidance on how to enable visitors to visit safely during a coronavirus pandemic.

Clinical assessment of COVID-19 in the community (WHC/2020/024)

Updated guidelines on community-based management of COVID-19.

Leaving your home and seeing others: alert level 4

Rules on meeting people outside your home at alert level 4.

Regional coronavirus testing facilities

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

Self-isolation: stay-at-home guides for households with potential coronavirus

How to self-isolate and look after yourself in the house if there is a possible coronavirus infection in your home.

Childcare and play: level 4 warning frequently asked questions

Guidance for parents and childcare providers below alert level 4.

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

Guidelines on the protection and protection of persons defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable in the wake of the COVID-19.

Christmas Advice for sheltered people

Form a Christmas bubble if you are extremely vulnerable clinically.

Forming a Christmas bubble with friends and family

Guidance on forming a Christmas bubble with friends and family.

Safe travel (coronavirus): guidance for the public

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

[Higher education: coronavirus](#)

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

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.

[Evidence and data used to inform the limitations of the coronavirus](#)

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

[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 11 December 2020](#)

Summary of coVID-19 advice provided to the Welsh Ministers on 11 December 2020.

Statistics and coronavirus-related research (COVID-19)

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

Impact assessments: coronavirus

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

Promotional Material and Toolkits

Christmas Messages

Assets of the new Christmas regulations – easy sharing documents (which can be printed and distributed, or shared on social messaging channels, such as WhatsApp), Easyread and animations, as well as assets from our current public information campaign.

We ask you to arrange for their removal from all channels on 27 December.

Warning Level 4

These are the assets for the Warning Level 4 regulations.

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.

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, 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 we would appreciate it if you would share on your social channelling, in order to share information about the Testing, Tracking and Safeguarding strategy.

Information



[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](#)

[Business Wales](#)

[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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