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Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



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

"Prepare to reopen schools gradually and flexibly if coronavirus outbreak continues to fall" – First Minister

Wales' youngest children may start going back to school after the February half-term holidays, if coronavirus rates continue to fall. That is what the First Minister, Mark Drakeford, has announced.

Ministers announce £17.7m Spectator Sports Protection Fund

The Welsh Government has announced a £17.7 million funding package, to help spectator sport that has suffered severely from the pandemic.

£25m boost for digital services across NHS Wales

Additional investment of £25m will help the NHS continue to move to more digital services, Health and Social Services Minister Vaughan Gething has announced.

Covid-19 latest testing strategy published for Wales

The revised coronavirus testing strategy was announced today by Health Minister Vaughan Gething.

GPs come together to vaccinate over-80s closer to home

GPs in rural communities are coming together to set up community vaccination centres to help vaccinate more people closer to home.

New bill introduced to manage Senedd election during COVID pandemic

An emergency bill has been laid before Parliament by the Welsh Government to ensure that the next Senedd election can happen safely, despite the continuation of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ask people to shape the future of the workplace in Wales

People in Wales will soon be able to suggest places in their communities where they would like to work, as part of the Welsh Government's long-term ambition to have around 30% of the workforce working from home or working remotely.

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

Other News

£6.5m flood support for Welsh communities

Welsh Government Ministers have announced £6.5 million to support local authorities and people affected by flooding during lockdown Alert level 4.

Cwm Taf Morgannwg – latest maternity report

The latest report on maternity services was published at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

Economy Minister Ken Skates on the latest Labour Market statistics

Update on Holyhead port contingency plan

Contingency plans put in place to protect the port and community of Holyhead will be gradually modified over the next month, following the review and completion of a stacking site on Parc Cybi.

Ken Skates asks UK Government for action plan for Welsh ports

Hauliers of goods and businesses trading between Britain and the EU are under a heavy bureaucratic burden and that is having an incomprehensible impact on

Welsh ports. Something must be done about this said Economy and Transport Minister Ken Skates in a letter to the UK Government.

The Welsh Government's intention to achieve a litter-free and fly-tipping-free Wales

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs is calling on everyone to "play their part" in removing litter and fly-tipping from Welsh cities, seas and countryside.

Welsh Government tackles agricultural pollution to protect Welsh rivers

Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, has published regulations to tackle agricultural pollution in Wales to protect the condition of Welsh rivers, lakes and streams.

Confirmation of avian influenza in pheasants at properties on Anglesey

The Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales has confirmed H5N8 Avian Influenza in pheasants on Anglesey.

"It's never too late or too early to get help" – a youth homelessness prevention campaign is targeting those struggling because of Covid

The Welsh Government has launched a campaign encouraging young people who are at risk of homelessness or who are already homeless to call shelter Cymru's Housing Advice Helpline and Llamau, which is free of charge.

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.

[Guidance on home testing kits: schools and further education providers](#)

Guidance to support schools, settings and further education providers to offer home test kits.

[Temporary registration of pupils: coronavirus](#)

Advice to schools and local authorities on the registration of pupils in temporary schools and hubs.

[Changes to school session times: coronavirus](#)

Advice to schools and local authorities on changing school session times for the spring term 2021.

[Get a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) test](#)

Get tested to find out if you have coronavirus.

[Guidance on protecting people clinically defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable due to coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – formerly the 'protection' scheme](#)

Guidance on protecting and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable as a result of COVID-19

[Creating safer public spaces: coronavirus](#)

Guidance for owners and operators of public places to keep people safe when restrictions are lifted and civic spaces become busier.

Operational guidance for schools and settings when there are limits on learner numbers at alert level 4

How schools and other providers can make their sites safe For staff and learners when there are limits on learner numbers.

Funeral guidance: COVID-19

Guidance on the conduct and attendance of funerals during the coronavirus pandemic.

Face coverings: guidance for the public

It became mandatory for people to wear face coverings in indoor public places in Wales on 14 September.

Reopening children's playgrounds and outdoor play areas: coronavirus

Guidance for those responsible for playgrounds or outdoor play areas on keeping children safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

Guidance for unpaid carers: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance for those providing unpaid care to family and friends.

Children's soft play and indoor play areas, including parties: coronavirus

Guidance for indoor play and soft play centres to help keep children, their parents or carers and employees safe 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 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 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: council summary 22 January 2021](#)

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 22 January 2021.

[Technical Advice Group: a variant of concern and education in Wales](#)

The latest advice on the Worrying Variant and education and schools, which is used by ministers to make informed decisions to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related statistics and 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 channelling, in order 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](#)

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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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