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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

[Achieving the first major milestone of the vaccination programme](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford was full of praise for the tremendous effort of the thousands of staff and volunteers in the NHS who have been giving the vaccines, as we reach the first milestone of the Welsh vaccination programme.

Additional support of £29 million for further education students

The funding will focus on helping FE students complete their vocational qualifications this summer.

£9.8 million additional funding to support learners with Additional Learning Needs during coronavirus

The Welsh Government has announced an additional £9.8 million to support learners with Additional Learning Needs. The funding will remove barriers to education for children and young people due to Covid-19.

£ further £8.9 million to support creative sector freelancers

Lord Elis-Thomas, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism announced that freelancers in the creative sector in Wales will receive an additional allocation of £8.9 million.

Welsh rail franchise now in the public domain

The Welsh Government has transferred the Wales and Borders franchise into public hands to protect services, protect jobs and improve infrastructure in light of the ongoing challenges of coronavirus.

"We have delivered for Wales and will continue to do so" – First Minister

The Welsh Government has delivered on its key promises to the people of Wales, during one of the most difficult times to govern in our modern history, First Minister Mark Drakeford said today.

Bill to manage Senedd election approved during COVID pandemic

Members of the Senedd have approved an emergency bill to ensure the next Senedd election can happen safely, despite the coronavirus pandemic continuing.

Join us, and you will be part of the solution to the problem. Take the vaccine and encourage others in your communities to do so too

Vaughan Gething and Jane Hutt's message to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities in Wales.

The women in Wales are leading the fight against Covid

On International Women and Girls in Science Day, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip Jane Hutt highlighted some of the amazing women leading the fight against Covid in Wales and the importance of studying STEM.

Innovative projects that help people adapt their lives because of coronavirus

A new series of apps is helping vulnerable adults and individuals with special educational needs and disabilities adapt their lives to meet the challenges associated with coronavirus.

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Other News

[Wales is committed to net zero by 2050, but the ambition is to hit the goal more quickly](#)

The Welsh Government has today announced how it will deliver its legal commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 with the hope of 'hitting the goal more quickly' as it prepares for COP26 (the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference) in November.

['There's more to a home than bricks and mortar': £32 million investment in new social housing](#)

Shirley Jones was delighted to move into her new house in Lampeter, once it was safe to do so after the first lockdown, which was built thanks to funding from the Welsh Government.

[Initial problems with weak trade agreement clearly want to continue](#)

As the Welsh Government published its analysis of the Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA), the Counsel General and European Transition Minister, Jeremy Miles, said that the UK Government was irresponsible to say that the consequences of their political choices were 'unexpected'.

[Construction work to start on new Dyfi Bridge](#)

Construction of the new £46 million Dyfi Bridge near Machynlleth will begin in March.

[Essential works of the A5 Ceiriog River Viaduct to begin](#)

Essential works will be held on the A5 Ceiriog River Viaduct to refurbish the movement joint on the bridge deck.

Welsh Government enters into collaboration with Pembrokeshire County Council to develop world-class food park

The Welsh Government is investing £2 million as part of an agreement with Pembrokeshire County Council to establish a quality food park in Pembrokeshire.

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.

Schools: coronavirus guidance

Changes to learning and teaching in schools

Operational guidance for schools and settings when there are restrictions on learner numbers

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

Information for school governing bodies: coronavirus

How governing bodies will operate while schools are closed during the pandemic.

Further education: coronavirus

Changes to teaching, exams, and going to school and college during the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

Childcare and play: level 4 warning frequently asked questions

Guidance for parents and childcare providers below alert level 4

Asymptomatic testing (COVID-19) in schools and colleges

Guidance on coronavirus asymptomatic testing in schools and colleges.

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.

Coronavirus vaccinations for those aged 70 and over

What to do if you are aged 70 or over and have not had anyone contact you about your COVID-19 vaccination.

[Problems paying off your mortgage during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

What to do if you can't pay your mortgage, have missed a payment or your lender is trying to repossess your home.

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 7 February 2021](#)

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 7 February 2021.

[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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