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Safeguarding Wales

Wales is all in a period of lockdown (alert level 4)

- stay at home
- only meet people you live with
- working from home if you can
- wear a face covering where required
- wash your hands regularly
- wait 2 metres for anyone you don't live with

News Headlines

[Lockdown to continue for another three weeks
as pupils return to school](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford today confirmed that the 'stay at home' restrictions will continue in Wales as the smallest children start going back to school on Monday.

Welsh Government invests over £10m in 84 new ambulances

The Welsh Ambulance Service will receive 84 new operational vehicles, thanks to a £10.9M investment from the Welsh Government.

'Egin gwyrdd' vision for post-Covid food and drink industry announced

The Welsh Government publishes a strategic vision for the food and drink industry in the future as it sets its sights, over the next few years, to become a world leader in sustainability.

Criteria for Self-Isolation Support Payment extended

More people will now be eligible to apply for the £500 Self-Isolation Support Payment, according to an announcement by Julie James, Minister for Housing and Local Government.

£1.3m to help the Urdd "come to itself and rebuild"

The Welsh Government has today announced that it is providing £1.3m to help the Urdd rebuild and come to itself after the Coronavirus pandemic.

Minister thanks our kind communities on Spontaneous Kind Actions Day

As a Spontaneous Kind Actions Day, the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, Jane Hutt, sent a message of thanks to the thousands of volunteers and community

assistants in Wales, who have shown kindness to people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other News

£21.5m funding for flood damage repairs to bridges and boardwalks

Welsh Government Ministers have announced over £21.5 million to help councils across the country repair flood damage to roads, bridges and boardwalks.

First Minister Mark Drakeford calls first coal mine safety conference following Skewen colliery explosion

First Minister Mark Drakeford organised a coal mine safety conference today to address the safety and environmental impacts of Wales' disused mines, after a shaft exploded in Skewen and caused catastrophic flooding last month.

Welsh Government emergency funding for businesses hit by the floods

Up to £2,500 of emergency funding from the Welsh Government will be available to businesses in Wales hit by the recent floods.

Publication of 'real' waiting times for cancer services in Wales

There are more accurate waiting time figures that show the actual time taken from suspected cancer to treatment.

Amlwch Sites to become part of Anglesey Enterprise Zone

Two sites in Amlwch will join the Anglesey Enterprise Zone helping to stimulate the economy and support jobs in the north of the island, Economy and North Wales Minister Ken Skates announced today.

20mph speed limit to become reality on Welsh roads from this summer

Plans for a 20 mph default speed limit on Welsh roads have moved a step closer as eight pilot areas to pilot the change have been confirmed.

Advocates to the Welsh Government: Appointment of a Panel of Counsel

Jeremy Miles MP, Counsel General for Wales and Minister for European Transition, has announced the renewal of the Panel of Counsel appointed to provide legal advocacy and expert advisory work to the Welsh Government.

Calling on all new voters: Now is the perfect time to use your voice to create the Wales you want

A new Welsh Government campaign, launched on Monday 15 February, is encouraging new groups of people living in Wales to have their say in the forthcoming elections.

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.

Get a COVID-19 vaccine if you think you've missed out

What to do if you are due to have your COVID-19 vaccine and have not been contacted.

Self-isolation support scheme

You could get a payment of £500 to help if you've lost earnings as a result of having to self-isolate and can't work from home.

Look for your local authority to apply for a self-isolation payment

You can apply for a payment of £500 from your local authority if you have been told that you should self-isolate and if you are unable to work from home.

Contact tracing: if it is confirmed that you have come into contact with someone with coronavirus

Explain how the contact tracing system works if you have been confirmed as the contact of a person who has tested positive for coronavirus.

Border rules for people travelling to and from Wales: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Explain what you need to do if you are travelling to or from Wales.

How to isolate when you travel to Wales: coronavirus (COVID-19)

What you must do to protect Wales from coronavirus on arrival from abroad.

Arriving in Wales from overseas

The rules you must follow when arriving from abroad to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Schools: coronavirus guidance

Changes to learning and teaching in schools

Regular testing for education and childcare staff

Guidance for education and childcare staff on testing twice a week at home.

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.

School staff and their employment: coronavirus

Information about school staff and their employment during the coronavirus pandemic.

Information for school governing bodies: coronavirus

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

Appeals about school admissions: coronavirus (COVID-19)

How to manage temporary changes to the school admission appeals process.

Guidance on higher education: Safeguarding Wales (COVID-19)

What the higher education sector can do to protect the health and safety of students, staff and their community.

[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.

Policy and strategy

[Coronavirus management plan: alert levels in Wales \(gradual easing of restrictions\)](#)

In this update, we set out what has changed since December and what this means for our decisions.

[COVID-19 vaccination programme weekly update: 16 February 2021](#)

Update on the COVID-19 vaccination programme to 16 February 2021.

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 15 February 2021

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

Technical Advice Group: current evidence in relation to marriage

Key environmental risks associated with marriage/civil partnership events and related activities before, during and after the main event in the context of COVID-19.

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

Here's sharing with you the latest Safeguarding Wales assets. You can use them on your communication channels – website, newsletter, social media.

[Safeguarding Wales promotional material](#)

This link has been updated.

[Education Assets](#)

This link has been updated.

[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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