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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

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Open letter to headteachers from Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education.

Further details on £200 million to support Welsh businesses

The Welsh Government has revealed further details of the £200 million package of support for non-essential retail businesses, and for hospitality, leisure and tourism businesses that continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NHS COVID-19 App users now eligible to apply for £500 self-isolation payment

People instructed to self-isolate by the NHS COVID-19 app will now be eligible to apply for the £500 self-isolation support payment. That is the announcement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James.

Commitment to supporting youth by investing an additional £9.4m in child and adolescent mental health services

"I am committed to ensuring that support is available for changing mental health needs", said the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing in announcing that more than £9 million will be available specifically to support children and young people in Wales.

£5.5m funding boost for council tax support scheme

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans announced that councils in Wales will receive an additional £5.5 million to help fund the increased demand on the Welsh Government's Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

Introducing further COVID-19 testing into care homes

Further COVID-19 testing will be introduced to care home staff this week to help identify infected individuals earlier and manage cases more effectively, the Health Minister announced.

Chief Medical Officer for Wales reflects on lessons learned from covid-19 pandemic

The need to adopt a unified approach to responding to public health and environmental issues, to focus more on innovation and the importance of investing in health protection arrangements – these are some of the lessons learned from the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wales, according to the Chief Medical Officer.

Businesses urged to sign up for financial support

The Welsh Government is encouraging businesses to ensure they are registered for financial support to help them cope with the effects that coronavirus continues to have.

Other News

£6.2m funding package announced for The National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales

The Welsh Government has announced a new funding package for the National Library of Wales and Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales.

Free PPE packages for taxi drivers

Taxi drivers and private hire vehicle drivers in Wales will be able to claim a free package of high quality PPE and vehicle cleaning materials, funded by the Welsh Government.

Big financial boost for healthy travel

The Welsh Government has unveiled a £55 million funding package to Councils to encourage healthier travel for short local journeys.

On track to exceed the target of 20,000 affordable homes by the end of the Government term

Julie James, the Housing Minister, has announced that we are going to meet, and exceed, the Welsh Government's target to deliver 20,000 affordable homes by 2021.

Flood defence scheme completed in Newport that will protect 600 homes

Construction has ended a £14 million flood defence scheme in Newport, protecting more than 660 homes from the increased risk of flooding.

Minister announces appointment of new Chair for Hybu Cig Cymru

The Minister for Rural Affairs for Wales has announced the appointment of a new Chair for Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC) – the statutory body responsible for promoting and developing the lamb, beef and pork sector in Wales.

New plans to link valley pupils to local role models

Schools are being encouraged to set up new schemes to link students to local role models in their area.

Welsh Government signs Memorandum of Understanding with Sizewell Consortium

The Welsh Government and the Sizewell C Consortium have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding could lead to investment of up to £900 million in the Welsh nuclear supply chain and to support up to 4,700 jobs across Wales, if the power station is given the go-ahead.

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

Higher education: coronavirus

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

Further education: coronavirus

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

Guidance on taxis and private hire vehicles

Information for the taxi and private hire vehicle industry.

Getting essential food and supplies during the coronavirus pandemic

How can you get food and essential supplies if you are vulnerable, self-isolating or an essential worker.

Problems paying your rent during the coronavirus pandemic

What to do if you are struggling to pay your rent to your landlord, council or housing association, and help to pay it.

Regional coronavirus testing facilities

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

Visits to care homes: guidance for providers

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

Reasonable measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus in workplaces and open premises: guidance for enforcement officers

Guidance for enforcement officers on regulation 20 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.3) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

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.

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 29 January 2021](#)

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 29 January 2021.

[Technical Advice Group: considerations for changing school action to allow for more face-to-face learning.](#)

Consider the three main topics relevant to changing the operation of schools to allow more face-to-face learning.

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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