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Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



News Headlines

[Bonus payment for Health Service and social care staff](#)

The Health Minister has announced that the Welsh Government will fund a bonus payment to NHS and social care staff in recognition of their outstanding contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[First Minister announces commemorative woods](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford has announced that commemorative coppice will be planted in memory of the people who died as a result of coronavirus.

[Legislation to manage the Senedd election during the COVID pandemic gets Royal Assent](#)

Her Majesty the Queen has given Royal Assent to legislation to ensure that the next Parliamentary election can happen safely, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Addo – pledge to keep Wales safe while staying local

As the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions require people in Wales to stay local, Visit Wales will be relaunching its Addo campaign, asking the people of Wales to make a pledge as they start to venture into their local communities once again to look after each other, our land and our communities.

Other News

'A transport system fit for future generations' – Welsh Government sets ambitious targets in its new vision for transport

An ambitious pledge to increase the number of people using public transport, walking and cycling is at the heart of the Welsh Government's new Transport Strategy, published on Friday.

Five-year plan to transform pharmacy services in Welsh hospitals

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, has agreed a new five-year plan that will revolutionise pharmacy services in Welsh hospitals

To take forward plans for a new cancer centre in South East Wales

Health Minister Vaughan Gething and Finance Minister Rebecca Evans have given permission to develop a new Velindre Cancer Centre for South East Wales.

Record investment in flood risk management schemes will continue to protect communities across Wales

The Welsh Government will invest record amounts in flood and coastal erosion risk management plans across Wales for 2021/22, continuing to reduce flood and coastal erosion risk to communities, as the impact of the ongoing climate emergency continues to emerge.

Vital funding to boost coastal towns continues, thanks to Welsh Government

Communities and coastal town centres will receive a £6 million boost, thanks to the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government, Hannah Blythyn, and the Welsh Government's £110 million Town Transformation Programme.

Almost £2m Of Welsh Government funding gives community places a second wind

The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, Jane Hutt, announced that £1,946,849 was being given to improve community facilities across Wales through the Community Facilities Programme.

Seek views on the future of the Welsh language 'infrastructure'

The Welsh Government has started a consultation on the future of the 'linguistic infrastructure' of the Welsh language.

Welsh Government begins conversation on south-west Metro

People living in south-west Wales will have the opportunity to have their say on transport options in their area.

Funding boost for Toyota's plan to reduce carbon emissions

Plans by Toyota to reduce energy consumption and reduce carbon emissions at its Deeside plant are being supported by the Welsh Government, with an award of £375,000 from its Economic Futures Fund.

Minister welcomes education report on black, Asian and minority ethnic communities

Education Minister Kirsty Williams has accepted all the recommendations of a report on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, Contributions and Habitat in the New Curriculum for schools.

Young carers ID card launched on day of action

ID cards for young carers to make it easier for them to demonstrate that they have a caring role are being launched in 11 local authority areas today, namely Young Carers Action Day.

Census Day 2021 approaching

As Census day approaches, Finance Minister Rebecca Evans is urging people across Wales to complete the survey and help play their part in Wales' future.

Confirmed remote working locations across Wales

Remote working placements will be available across Wales which will give people an alternative to working from home or working in a traditional office environment.

Welsh Government support gives the green light for work on Newport Transporter Bridge

Major restoration work on Newport Transporter Bridge has been given the green light today thanks to funding from the Welsh Government.

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.

[Public transport: guidance for operators](#)

Transport providers are following this guidance to protect passengers from coronavirus.

[Travelling safely \(coronavirus\): guidance for the public](#)

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

[Guidance on learning in schools and settings: coronavirus](#)

This guidance provides advice on the learning and teaching that schools and settings may wish to provide.

[Examination and assessment guidance: 2020 to 2021](#)

Information on examinations and assessments, including A levels, during a coronary artery pandemic.

[Operational guidance for schools and Settings](#)

How schools and other providers can make their sites safe for staff and learners.

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.

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.

Get a coronavirus (COVID-19) test

Get a test 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

Extension to emergency permitted development rights for coronavirus

Guidance to local planning authorities on changes to permitted development rights for coronavirus.

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.

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 strategy update February 2021](#)

An update on our COVID-19 vaccination strategy, priorities and achievements to date.

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

Update on the COVID-19 vaccination programme to 16 March 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 Group: the risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in public toilets

Evaluate the evidence regarding the potential transmission of COVID-19 associated with individuals visiting public toilets.

Technical Advice Cell: council summary 12 March 2021

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 12 March 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

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

Keep Wales Safe promotional material

This link has been updated to include StayIn Local promotional material.

Keep Wales Safe promotional material - vaccinations

Keep Wales Safe on vaccinations promotional material. Here's a new link.

Education promotional material

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.

Self-isolation support scheme

If the NHS COVID-19 app has notified you to self-isolate, you can now apply via the app for £ payment of £500 as part of the self-isolation support scheme to help with loss of earnings.

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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