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# Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



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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

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## News Headlines

### [£680m funding boost for COVID Cymru efforts](#)

Welsh public services will receive a funding boost of more than £682m to support their COVID efforts over the coming months, the First Minister announced.

## **One million dollars of vaccine given in Wales**

One million tonnes of coronavirus vaccine has been given in Wales, and more than one in three of all adults in Wales has had at least one dose.

## **Additional funding for Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism businesses**

The Welsh Government has announced an additional £30 million for tourism, hospitality and leisure businesses that have felt the effects of coronavirus restrictions

## **More pupils to have the opportunity to return to school before Easter**

Kirsty Williams, the Education Minister, has announced plans for more children to have the opportunity to return to the classroom before the Easter holidays.

## **A 12 month extension to the business rates scheme**

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans has announced that the scheme which means that businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors in Wales do not have to pay rates will be extended for a further 12 months.

## **Welsh Government provides further support to charities and third sector organisations in Wales**

The Welsh Government is once again supporting volunteers, charities and third sector organisations in Wales who have played a vital role in responding to Covid-19. They will receive additional financial support to help meet their needs.

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## Other News

### **St David's Day message from the First Minister**

### **Additional £50 million for school improvements**

The Welsh Government has announced an additional £50m towards improvements to school buildings across Wales.

### **Welsh Government supports businesses through new campaign**

The Welsh Government has launched a new campaign to promote the important support available to businesses to help them deal with the ongoing pressures of coronavirus, and plan for a more prosperous future.

### **Wales aims to become the world's best recycler as the Government announces its circular economy strategy**

The Welsh Government has published an ambitious strategy to support green recovery in Wales by moving to a 'Circular Economy', as we address the triple challenge of the pandemic, climate change and Brexit.

### **The UK Budget must take essential steps to aid recovery**

The Welsh Government is pressing the UK Government to take the essential steps to start recovery and ensure prosperity across all parts of the UK.

### **Smoking ban on hospital grounds comes into force in Wales**

On 1 March, smoke-free legislation comes into force banning smoking in hospital grounds in Wales.

## **Average 50mph speed cameras outside Newport go live in two weeks**

A permanent mandatory average speed limit of 50 miles per hour will live between junctions 24 and 28 on the M4 by Monday 15 March.

## **Ireland and Wales launch Joint Statement and Action Plan 2021-25, 1 March 2021**

Joint Statement and Action Plan 2021-2025 setting out the ambition and plans for the relationship between Ireland and Wales in the coming years.

## **Health Minister sets out improvement plans for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

A new Targeted Intervention framework has been published for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, following the lifting of the special measures in November last year.

## **Town Centres in Wales to benefit from £15.2m place creation fund**

It is all part of the Welsh Government's £110 million town centre regeneration programme, Town Transformation.

## **Welsh Government support helps create up to 50 jobs in Welshpool**

Welshpool-based company CastAlum is significantly expanding its production and creating up to 50 jobs with support from the Welsh Government.

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## **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 for tourism and hospitality businesses: coronavirus](#)**

Guidance for tourism and hospitality businesses to keep employees and visitors safe during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **[COVID-19 one-way flow tests for people without symptoms](#)**

How COVID-19 flow tests work and their role in our national testing programme.

### **[Testing for COVID-19 in the community when there are no symptoms](#)**

Testing for COVID-19 for people without symptoms is now available in Merthyr Tydfil, Bridgend and Rhondda Cynon Taf.

### **[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.

### **[Covid-19 hospital patient testing framework: March 2021](#)**

How health boards should tackle testing of patients in hospitals to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

## **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.

## **Asymptomatic testing: education and childcare settings**

Guidance for education and childcare settings for twice weekly tests at home.

## **Temporary registration of pupils: coronavirus**

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

## **National Protocol for AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine**

Authorisation protocol for unregistered professionals to immunize people with AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.

## **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.

## **Guidance for local authorities, approved sites and places of worship on weddings, civil partnerships and associated wedding ceremonies: coronavirus**

Guidance for local authorities and places of worship on the administration of marriages and the formation of civil partnerships.

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## **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: 2 March 2021](#)**

Update on the COVID-19 vaccination programme to 2 March 2021.

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## **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 3 March 2021**

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 3 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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# 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](#)

A newsletter to provide the latest information and advice from Welsh Government on Coronavirus (COVID-19).

More information on the web:

[gov.wales/coronavirus](https://gov.wales/coronavirus)

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