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Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



News Headlines

[Welsh tourism sector begins to reopen as restrictions ease](#)

Wales' tourism sector will be able to start reopening on Saturday 27 March as the rule stays local, according to an announcement by First Minister Mark Drakeford.

[Health and care services plan to recover from pandemic announced](#)

Health Minister Vaughan Gething has announced a scheme, supported by £100m of funding in the first instance, to help the health and care system in Wales recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Cultural Recovery Fund extended](#)

The Welsh Government has announced up to £30 million to support Wales' diverse culture sector through the ongoing pandemic.

'Caring is everyone's business'

'Caring is everyone's business' – that is the message as Wales renews its commitment to unpaid carers by publishing a national strategy and priorities, a year after the first period of lockdown in Wales.

Extend the community testing programme to control outbreaks

The community testing programme will be extended to the end of September to help manage outbreaks and target areas that are seeing a rapid increase in cases, the Health Minister announced.

More than £2.8 million to support projects in mid and west Wales

The Welsh Government is providing more than £2.8 million to drive major projects in mid and south-west Wales that will support the region to recover from the economic impacts of coronavirus.

£1.5m to ensure a safe Parliament election regarding COVID

The Welsh Government is releasing £1.5m to returning officers to enable them to make polling stations for the Senedd election safe in relation to COVID.

Other News

New International Learning Exchange programme to make up for erasmus+ loss

The Welsh Government has announced a new international learning exchange programme, following the UK Government's decision to withdraw from the popular Erasmus+ scheme.

Town centres across Wales to receive over £24 million

Welsh Government Ministers have announced an additional £24 million package of support to regenerate Welsh town centres.

Wizz Air ready to take to the skies

Economy Minister Ken Skates has met with Wales' newest airline, Wizz Air, ahead of the launch of the site at Cardiff Airport later this year.

Welsh Government consults on actions to create a proud Anti-racist Wales

The Welsh Government has published 'Anti-Racist Wales – The Race Equality Action Plan for Wales'.

'Truly inspirational' winners announced at St David Awards 2021

The winners of this year's St David Awards have been revealed during a virtual ceremony.

Landmark reforms to boost recycling and combat plastic pollution

Landmark reforms that will boost recycling, tackle plastic pollution and reduce litter have taken a step forward as ministers from across the UK unveil their latest proposals for transforming the waste and resources sector.

Millions for Newport to deliver the recommendations of the Burns report

The Welsh Government is delivering on its promises to improve transport in Newport and the surrounding area.

£9m boost for North Wales Metro

More than £9m is available to Transport for Wales to develop work on the North Wales metro, according to Ken Skates, Minister for Transport and North Wales.

New partnership to improve bus services for the public good

Leading representatives of the public sector and the bus industry have signed a new agreement that will improve bus services and help achieve the aim of integrating the transport system.

Plans for new technology cluster in Ebbw Vale underway

The Welsh Government's plans to create an exciting new technology cluster in Ebbw Vale are moving forward with investment in 5G technology, a new cyber testing campus and new and innovative accommodation for businesses.

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.

National Protocol for Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine

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

National Protocol for Moderna COVID-19 vaccine

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

National Protocol for AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

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

Schools: coronavirus guidance

Changes to learning and teaching in schools.

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.

Retailers: coronavirus guidance

How to work safely during the COVID-19 pandemic if you work or employ people in a retail environment.

Business closures: alert level

Businesses that have to close at notice level 4.

National clinical framework: health and care learning system

Guidance on how to plan for and deliver national clinical services.

Care home action plan: final update

How we are supporting care homes over the winter.

Rehabilitation needs of people affected by COVID-19 situation: guidance

Guidance on the rehabilitation needs of people affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

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.

Testing, tracking, protection: summary of process

Multilingual versions of what you need to do to help trace contacts to control the spread of coronavirus.

National clinical framework: health and care learning system

Guidance on how to plan for and deliver national clinical services.

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 March 2021](#)

An update on the progress we are making in vaccinating the people of Wales and reviewing our vaccination regime.

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: latest modelling of the Testing, Tracking, Safeguarding Wales system

Consider how we can begin to evaluate the impact of the Test, Trace, Protect system to reduce the reproduction number, R, using a simple model.

Technical Advice Group: examining covid-19 related deaths in Wales

Explore COVID-19 related deaths to date, and look at comparisons between the first phase on' second phase across Wales and the UK.

Technical Advice Cell: council summary 19 March 2021

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 19 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 Safe Promotional Material

This link has been updated.

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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