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News Headlines

[More coronavirus restrictions eased sooner](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford has announced further changes to the coronavirus restrictions.

[Outdoor hospitality allowed to reopen and rules on outdoor mixing relaxed in Wales](#)

As the incidence of new COVID-19 infections continues to fall, First Minister Mark Drakeford has confirmed that six individuals will be able to meet outdoors in Wales from Saturday 24 April and outdoor hospitality will be allowed to reopen from Monday 26 April.

People in Wales unable to work from home encouraged to use one-way flow self-tests

Those unable to work from home are being encouraged to have one-way flow device self-testing kits as they are introduced across Wales.

Guidance

Schools: coronavirus guidance

Changes to learning and teaching in schools.

Operational guidance for schools and Settings

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

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.

Easy read guides to supported living: coronavirus

How people living with support can see their family and friends and stay safe with their support and care workers.

Retailers: coronavirus guidance

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

Testing for asymptomatic coronavirus in schools, further education and childcare settings

Guidance on coronavirus asymptomatic testing in schools and colleges.

Examination and assessment guidance: 2020 to 2021

Information on exams and assessments, including A levels, during the coronavirus pandemic.

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 testing strategy

The updated testing strategy also looks at the role of testing alongside vaccination.

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: advice for restrictions review 22 April](#)

Advice on relaxing proposed restrictions considered as part of the 11 April 2021 review.

[Technical Advice Cell: council summary 16 April 2021](#)

Summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers on 16 April 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 - Reasons campaign

This link has been updated to include messages for reopening outdoor hospitality and reopening gyms,

Keep Wales Safe promotional material - vaccinations

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

Care home action plan: final update

How we are supporting care homes over the winter.

Assets for Outdoor Activities for Children

Here's a New look.

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](#)

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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