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Newyddion Coronafeirws COVID-19



News

[Coronavirus safeguards relaxed as cases reduce](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford today announced that Wales will begin to gradually relax some of its coronavirus safeguards that remain in place as cases continue to reduce.

[Statement by the Chief Medical Officer COVID-19 Review: 10 February 2022](#)

Chief Medical Officer for Wales statement on the COVID-19 review: 10 February 2022.

[Community and Primary Services helps treat people with long COVID](#)

According to a review of Wales' long COVID programme, the programme helps to treat and manage the needs of people who have sought help with their symptoms.

Waste water programme expanded across Wales

A Welsh Government-led programme to test waste water for COVID-19 has been expanded in Wales to include all health boards and local authorities across 48 sites.

First Minister announces locations of Welsh memorial woodland

The First Minister has announced the locations where Wales' first commemorative woodland is to be planted to remember the people who died during the pandemic.

Other

£8.1bn to support green infrastructure

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans has said the "overarching ambition" in the reformed Wales Infrastructure Investment Strategy is to tackle the climate and nature emergencies.

Apprenticeship Week Wales 2022: Minister commits £366 million to deliver 125,000 all-age apprenticeships in Wales

Economy Minister Vaughan Gething has announced at the start of Apprenticeship Week Wales 2022 that the Welsh Government will invest £366 million over the next three years to deliver 125,000 all-age apprenticeships across Wales during this government term.

£96m invested to give tens of thousands of social care staff an extra £1,000 payment

Tens of thousands of social care staff who will be eligible for an actual living wage from April will receive an additional net payment of £1,000 as the Welsh Government invests in the sector.

Investment of almost £11 million to create a centre of excellence for breast cancer in Gwent

Almost £11 million is being invested in a 'centre of excellence' for breast cancer at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr in a bid to improve patient care.

£1.3m funding boost for community transport schemes

Ministers have today announced that the Welsh Government will invest almost £1.3 million to make it easier for people in valley communities and those without access to digital technology to benefit from new and improved public transport.

Wales urges more women to become the next generation of scientists and engineers

Encouraging more girls into careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) will help Wales innovate in tackling some of the big global challenges facing society, Economy Minister Vaughan Gething said today.

The next step towards developing a tourism tax

The Welsh Government has confirmed that a consultation on proposals for a local visitor levy will begin in autumn 2022.

New-look online resource launched providing mental health support to young people

An online resource aimed at helping 11 to 25-year-olds find mental health support has been relaunched to include new information and advice.

Free Welsh lessons for all 16 to 25-year-olds and for all teaching staff

The Welsh Government has announced that free Welsh lessons will be available to anyone aged 16-25 and to all education practitioners..

Lord Burns to lead north Wales transport review

Deputy Minister for Climate Change Lee Waters has announced the establishment of a new transport commission which will develop a series of transport plans for north Wales.

Alert

Level Guidance 0

Alert level 0: summary

Summary of what you must do at alert level 0.

Alert level 0: frequently asked questions

Guidance on how to protect yourself and what rules are in place to protect people at alert level 0.

Alert level 0: guidance for the public

what you have to do in alert level 0.

Alert level 0: guidance for employers, businesses and organisations

What businesses, employers, organisations and organisers of activities and events need to do in Wales at alert level 0.

Alert level 0: reasonable measures action cards for businesses and organisations

Advice to businesses and organisations on reasonable measures to be taken to reduce the risk of coronavirus in alert level 0.

Triniaethau COVID-19

Are you eligible for COVID-19 treatments or to take part in a UK-wide antiviral study

Brechlyn

COVID-19 booster vaccinations

How people aged 18 and over will be offered a COVID-19 booster dose.

COVID-19 vaccine for 12 to 15-year-olds

Explains why 12 to 15-year-olds are offered a COVID-19 vaccine.

Professional at COVID-19

Have rapid LATERAL COVID-19 flow tests if you don't have symptoms

You should take a lateral flow test if you do not have symptoms and are over the age of 11.

COVID-19 lateral flow tests for people without symptoms

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

[Report the outcome of your lateral flow test](#)

How to report the positive or negative result of your lateral flow test to the NHS.

[COVID-19: testing healthcare workers](#)

Guidance on testing healthcare staff to ensure the safety of patients and service users.

[Contact tracing: if you have tested positive](#)

Explain how the contact tracing system works if you have tested positive for coronavirus.

[Contact tracing: if you are named as a close contact](#)

Explain how the contact tracing system works if you have been confirmed as the contact of a person who has tested positive for coronavirus.

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What you should do if you have COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19.

Financial advice

[Getting financial or debt advice](#)

Services that offer free, impartial advice on money and debt.

[Discretionary Assistance Fund \(DAF\)](#)

The Discretionary Assistance Fund offers two different grants that you don't need to pay back.

[Find your local authority to apply for a self-isolation payment](#)

You can apply for a payment of £500 from your local authority if you have been told you should self-isolate and cannot work from home.

[Statutory sick pay enhancement scheme for COVID-19](#)

Support for care workers who have to self-isolate or stay away from work to protect the people they care for.

[Financial support for individuals: a short guide \(COVID-19\)](#)

Here's a brief guide to the support that might be available to help you.

Pàs COVID

[NHS COVID pass: help getting your pass](#)

Frequently asked questions about what to do if you're not eligible for the NHS COVID Pass.

[Getting an NHS COVID pass: an easy read version and British sign language](#)

An easy read and british sign language version of how to get an NHS COVID pass.

[COVID pass: guidance for businesses and events](#)

How businesses and event organisers should check the COVID-19 status of their customers.

Using the NHS COVID Pass to travel internationally

Use the NHS COVID Pass to show others that when travelling abroad, you have had a COVID-19 vaccine.

Travel

Rules for international travel: coronavirus

Explain what you have to do if you travel to or from Wales.

Travelling to Wales if you've been fully vaccinated: coronavirus

Explain what you must do if you arrive in Wales having been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Travelling to Wales if you haven't been fully vaccinated: coronavirus

Explain what you must do if you arrive in Wales without being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Travelling to Wales: TESTING and isolating COVID-19

What you have to do to protect Wales from coronavirus when you arrive from abroad.

Rules for children travelling to Wales: coronavirus

What rules must children follow when travelling to Wales.

Education and Childcare

[Infection control framework for higher education](#)

Reasonable measures that universities can put in place to help reduce the risk of COVID-19.

[Schools: coronavirus guidance](#)

Changes to learning and teaching in schools.

[Childcare and play: frequently asked questions](#)

Guidance for parents and childcare providers.

[National Minimum Standards \(NMS\) and guidance: regulated childcare](#)

Guidance on the standards that childcare providers must meet to look after children.

Policy and strategy

[Coronavirus control plan: autumn and winter 2021 update](#)

This update to the coronavirus control plan focuses on the options available to us over the autumn and winter period.

[Coronavirus control convening](#)

Coronavirus control plans set out how we will all work together to manage the risks of coronavirus in Wales.

Test Trace Protect

Our strategy for testing the general public and tracking the spread of coronavirus in Wales.

COVID-19 vaccination programme: weekly updates

Includes who is currently vaccinated and where vaccinations take place.

Legislation, Technical Advice and Statistics

Coronavirus legislation: restrictions on individuals, businesses and others

Regulations to place restrictions on individuals, businesses and others to protect public health.

Coronavirus legislation: international travel

Regulations to place restrictions and requirements following international travel.

Technical Advisory Group: Reducing COVID-19 transmission in schools and colleges: the role of air cleaning devices among other mitigation measures

A review of the systems available to improve air quality and their appropriateness in educational settings.

Technical Advisory Group: Reducing the isolation period supported by lateral flow tests for COVID-19 cases

A review of the modelling and behavioural and technical information to reduce the isolation period of positive COVID-19 cases.

Technical Advisory Group: Impact in Wales from the 'Pseudo-negative' PCR tests reported in September/October 2021

An estimate of the number of pseudo-negative COVID-19 cases in Wales as a result of the problem in the Immensa PCR laboratory.

Coronavirus control plans

Coronavirus control plans set out how we will all work together to manage the risks of coronavirus in Wales.

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 interests the people of Wales.

COVID-19 situational reports

Detailed data and information on COVID-19 case rates.

Technical Group: COVID-19 hospital admissions

and an under-allocation of COVID-19 admissions to hospitals, as requested by GCE, to inform future planning and modelling of situations.

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 affect equality.

Slides and datasets from the coronavirus briefings

Statistical information from the coronavirus briefings.

First Minister's Advisory Group on COVID-19 and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic People, Scientific Sub-Group: risk assessment

Summarize the work completed by the Scientific Sub Group in developing a COVID-19 Risk Assessment Tool for the Workforce.

Promotional Material and Toolkits

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

Safeguarding Wales

The link to the asset bank contains all alert level 0 assets for use across a wide range of communication channels.

[How to get the coronavirus test: easy read poster](#)

Print and share or show the easy read poster to raise awareness of how to get tested for coronavirus.

[Test, Trace, Protect: information for downloading](#)

Key worker resource pack, multilingual posters and easy read documents about testing, symptoms and contact tracing

[NHS COVID pass: promotional package](#)

You can display and share these posters to promote and explain the NHS COVID Pass.

Accessing NHS Services

These assets help to explain the different ways in which people can access NHS services so that they can access the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

[Hunanofal](#)

The assets in this link will remind people of the simple changes they can make to look after their health this winter and as a result, help the NHS. They explain how we can all stay healthy through self-care and promote the use of community pharmacies for non-serious health concerns or disorders.

[Existing assets](#)

All the previous Help Us Help You assets that contain nearly 100 assets can be found on the above topics as well as many others

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, book a coronavirus test, and register at locations by scanning a QR code. If you've 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 programme.

Self-isolation support scheme

If the NHS COVID-19 app has let you self-isolate, you can now apply via the app for a payment of £750 as part of the self-isolation support scheme to help with loss of earnings.

Knowledge



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, getting support 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 in work and gaining new skills

Useful

[Welsh Government](#)

[Public Health Wales](#)

[Business Wales](#)

[Volunteering Wales](#)

[Headlines News links](#)

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

Find out more on the web:

gov.wales/coronavirus

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