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**We welcome feedback on this new email update.**

### **Latest updates**

- Detailed information on the coronavirus outbreak in Wales, including data on confirmed cases, testing and deaths is now available in the user-friendly Public Health Wales [data dashboard](#), updated daily.
- Stay Home and Save Lives this Bank Holiday weekend
  - Welsh Government Minister for North Wales, Ken Skates, today urged people to carry on complying with the restrictions to protect themselves and others against coronavirus <https://gov.wales/stay-home-and-save-lives-bank-holiday-weekend>
  - In an open letter published on Tuesday, the First Minister of Wales, the Leader of the WLGA, the Chair of Policing Wales and the Chair of the Welsh Chief Officer Group call on people to stay home over the Bank Holiday <https://media.service.gov.wales/news/visit-wales-later-people-urged-to-avoid-all-non-essential-travel>

### **Health and Social Services**

- The Chief Executive of NHS Wales, Dr Andrew Goodall, used today's Welsh Government press briefing to give an update on how coronavirus is affecting the NHS in Wales.
  - Watch again here: <https://twitter.com/WelshGovernment/status/1258358940787552256?s=20>
- Public Health Wales today issued guidance to prevent COVID-19 among care home residents and manage cases & outbreaks in residential care settings in Wales.
  - Guidance attached (we have received in English only).
- Care Inspectorate Wales and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales have published a joint statement urging everyone providing care to speak up to reduce the risk of harm.
  - <https://careinspectorate.wales/sites/default/files/2020-05/200504-Joint-statement-with-HIW-en.pdf>
- Open letter thanks nurses in social care for their dedication
  - <https://gov.wales/open-letter-thanks-nurses-social-care-their-dedication>
- In response to growing evidence and concern that the COVID-19 infection is having a disproportionate adverse impact on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people, the Welsh Government BAME Covid-19 health advisory group met for the second time yesterday.
  - <https://gov.wales/wales-bame-covid-19-health-advisory-group-takes-cross-government-approach>

- The Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Services has issued an NHS Wales COVID-19 operating framework for quarter 1 (2020/21).
  - The document highlights four types of harm that could emanate from Covid-19 which the NHS in Wales must remain focused on and guard against.
  - <https://gov.wales/written-statement-coronavirus-covid-19-nhs-wales-operating-framework-quarter-1-202021>
- Public Health Wales are conducting an on-going national public engagement telephone survey on health and wellbeing during Coronavirus.
  - The survey asks people across Wales how coronavirus and related control measures are affecting their health and wellbeing, how they are coping and their views on how they are being supported.
  - The latest summary report and data from other weeks is on the PHW website <https://phw.nhs.wales/news/public-health-wales-survey-reveals-a-decrease-in-concern-for-becoming-infected-with-novel-coronavirus/>

### **Education**

- Situation for schools will not change on June 1st, Education Minister says
  - <https://gov.wales/situation-schools-will-not-change-june-1st-education-minister-says>

### **Transport**

- Funding for local sustainable transport measures in response to Covid 19
  - Lee Waters, Welsh Government Deputy Transport Minister, has today written to all local authorities inviting them to submit proposals for temporary measures that would improve the conditions for sustainable and active travel.
  - The Welsh Government is asking for initial expressions of interest by 21 May to allow them to gauge the overall funding requirement. They will then seek additional information as required before considering the proposals further. They envisage measures being introduced from early summer.
  - Written Statement- <https://gov.wales/written-statement-funding-local-sustainable-transport-measures-response-covid-19>
  - Press release- <https://gov.wales/councils-challenged-change-wales-transport-environment-during-coronavirus-lockdown>

### **Business**

- Almost £65m of applications have now been processed from the Welsh Government's Economic Resilience Fund, the Minister for Economy has confirmed today.
  - <https://gov.wales/economic-resilience-fund-support-reaching-businesses-quickly>
- The Welsh Government will support Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Wales with their running costs for up to three months, the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government has announced.
  - <https://gov.wales/support-business-improvement-districts-help-town-centres-announced>

### **Community Safety**

- Welsh Government has today launched the 'Home shouldn't be a place of fear' campaign, with a message to victims of domestic abuse: support is available, you are not alone

➤ <https://gov.wales/minister-launches-home-shouldnt-be-a-place-of-fear-campaign>

### **Volunteering**

- Welsh Government Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, Jane Hutt has praised Wales' volunteers, and urged others to get involved as their services will be needed more than ever in the months to come.
  - The call comes after more than 360 people came forward in just 24 hours to help Carmarthenshire County Council set up the county's four field hospitals.
  - <https://gov.wales/minister-jane-hutt-praises-wales-volunteer-effort-carmarthenshire-field-hospitals-recruit-360>

### **Where to find the latest information**

- Coronavirus information for Councils is available on the WLGA website at <https://www.wlga.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-councils>
- Public Health Wales publishes a daily dashboard of data about coronavirus cases across Wales, broken down by health board and local authority area. The interactive dashboard is available at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>
  - Public Health Wales also provides a daily update focusing on key public health information and updates. It is available at: <https://covid19-phwstatement.nhs.wales/>
  - Information about coronavirus is available on the Welsh Government's website at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> and <https://llyw.cymru/coronafeirws>
  - All the legislation passed in Wales in relation to the coronavirus pandemic is available at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-legislation>
  - UK Government coronavirus information for individuals and businesses in Wales <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-individuals-and-businesses-in-wales>

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