

**Distribution- LA Leaders, All Councillors, Chief Executives, Heads of Democratic Services and Communications Teams.**

**The bulletin is circulated on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We welcome feedback on this email update.**

### **Local Coronavirus Restrictions**

- Following discussions with local authority leaders, public health experts, the police and NHS in North Wales, the Welsh Government will introduce local restrictions in four local authority areas in North Wales – **Wrexham, Flintshire, Conwy** and **Denbighshire**.
- The new restrictions will come into force at **6pm on Thursday October 1:**
  - People will not be allowed to enter or leave each of these areas without a reasonable excuse, such as travel for work or education;
  - People will only be able to meet people they don't live with outdoors for the time being. They will not be able to form, or be in, extended households.
- These restrictions will be in addition to the rules that apply everywhere in Wales, including:
  - All licensed premises must stop selling alcohol at 10pm;
  - Everyone over 11 will be required to wear face coverings in indoor public areas, unless exempt.
- Welsh Government [press release](#).
- More information about local restrictions is available [here](#).

### **Education, Children and Young People**

- The Education Minister used today's Welsh Government press briefing to talk about the actions the Welsh Government is taking in relation to universities, the updated public health advice and the latest data on schools. Watch the briefing [here](#).
- Updated Welsh Government [guidance](#) for the safe delivery of learning in the further education, work-based learning and adult learning sectors.

## **Testing**

- Yesterday the Minister for Health and Social Services set out the prioritisation for testing in Wales- [written statement](#).

## **Health and Social Services**

- The latest summary of COVID-19 advice provided to Welsh Ministers was published yesterday.
- Technical Advisory Cell [summary of advice 25th September 2020](#).
- Yesterday the Minister for Health and Social Services published a [written statement](#) on additional bed capacity plans for the remainder of 2020/2021.

## **Town Centres**

- Yesterday the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government made an [oral statement](#) about securing the future of town centres.

## **Financial Support for Individuals**

- Updated Welsh Government [guidance](#) for people who need financial help to pay their bills during the pandemic.

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

- Coronavirus information for Councils is available [here](#) on the WLGA website

- The WLGA is collating good council practice during the coronavirus pandemic- [here](#)
- Public Health Wales publishes an interactive [daily dashboard](#) of data about coronavirus cases across Wales, broken down by health board and local authority area
- Public Health Wales also provides a [daily update](#) focusing on key public health information and updates
- Information about coronavirus is available [here](#) on the Welsh Government's website
- All the legislation passed in Wales in relation to the coronavirus pandemic is available [here](#)
- UK Government coronavirus information for individuals and businesses in Wales is available [here](#)

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