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New steps to unlock Wales

First Minister Mark Drakeford has announced that all non-essential retail businesses in Wales will be able to open from Monday.

The change is at the heart of a package of measures to further unlock coronavirus restrictions and move aspects of daily life into the amber zone on the Welsh Government's traffic light system.

The Welsh Government plans to lift 'stay local' rules by July 6 - and the tourism sector can prepare to reopen following the next statutory review on July 9.

Other changes include:



Restarting the housing market



Restrictions lifted on some outdoor sports



Hairdressers can plan to reopen by appointment in three weeks

[Read more here](#). For the latest Welsh Government Q&A, [click here](#)



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Re-opening non-essential retail



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Back to school check in, catch up and prepare for summer and September

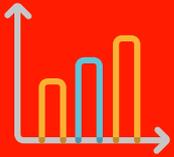


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Lift requirement to stay local

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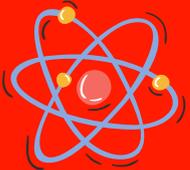
Coronavirus updates



Action to help people who will be hardest hit by the economic impact of coronavirus will be vital for Wales' recovery. As part of our commitment to build back better, the Welsh Government is developing a comprehensive employability and skills support package and will offer everyone over 16 advice and support to find work, pursue self-employment or find a place in education or training. **Read more here** and **Watch here**



All care homes in Wales have been offered coronavirus testing - **Read more here**
- Guidance for care homes about visiting can be found **here**



Technical Advisory Cell briefing - a summary of the impact of measures taken by European countries to ease the COVID-19 lockdown on the R number. **Read here**



Contact tracing – your questions answered **here**



The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism has published a statement about the return of professional sport in Wales. **Read it here**



Updated guidance for taxis and private hire vehicles is **here**



Vets are still offering services during lockdown. Owners are asked to follow guidance set by veterinary organisations. **Read more**

Additional health updates



Health Minister Vaughan Gething has published a written statement update about face coverings; the NHS Wales Test, Trace and Protect service; mortality rates across UK nations and screening services. **[Read it here](#)**



The Health Minister has also published a written statement about dexamethasone, which can be read **[here](#)**



Invitations and reminders to people eligible for cervical cancer screening will resume from the end of June. Screening for bowel and breast cancer will follow. **[Read more](#)**



Read the Chief Medical Officer for Wales' advice about wearing face covering **[here](#)**

- See how to make your own face covering **[here](#)**

I am continuing to work with councillor David Bithell with regard to Hafod Quarry. I called for urgent talks with Natural Resources Wales after my previous plea for the site not to reopen until an investigation had been carried out and concluded fell on deaf ears. We subsequently held a virtual meeting last Friday.

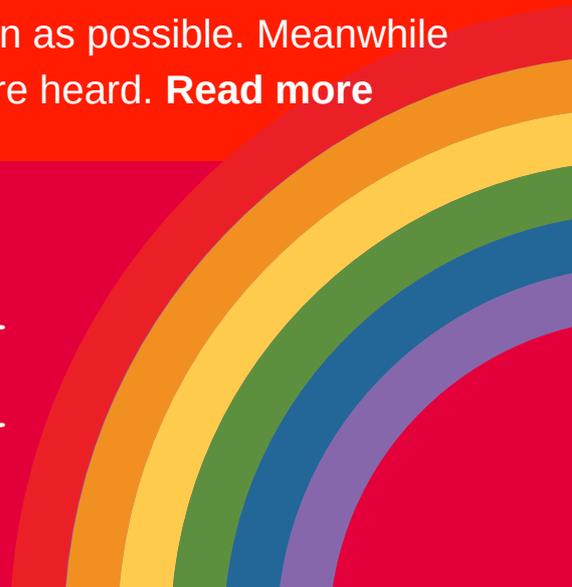
As well as the fire service investigation, we were told there is an ongoing NRW investigation which is looking into Enovert's adherence to their permit and whether conditions have been breached.

I look forward to the results being made public as soon as possible. Meanwhile Cllr Bithell and I will continue to ensure local voices are heard. **[Read more](#)**

Read the Welsh Government's weekly testing update [here](#)



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AROS YN LLEOL | STAY LOCAL



If you have symptoms of coronavirus

If you live alone and you have symptoms, however mild, stay at home for seven days from when your symptoms started.

If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus, then you must stay at home for seven days, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

If you have coronavirus symptoms, do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after seven days, use the 111 online coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call 111. In a medical emergency always dial 999.

For more advice visit: **<https://gov.wales/stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus>**

Where to find the latest information

- Public Health Wales provides a daily update about the number of cases of coronavirus in Wales. It is available **here**.
- Information is also available on the **Welsh Government's website**.
- Business Wales offers information on support available for businesses in Wales: **<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice>**
- The Welsh Government holds a daily briefing about coronavirus. They are at 12.30pm every week day and are live-streamed on the Welsh Government Twitter channel and broadcast live on BBC One Wales.