

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



 **CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

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### **COVID-19: Current regulations to remain for the time being and long-term plan published**

The Welsh Government has announced that Wales will stay at Alert Level 0 for the next 3 weeks with the current regulations remaining in place. To read the statement, go to:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no-5-wales-regulations-2020-3-march>

The current regulations include:

- The legal requirement to carry out a coronavirus risk assessment and implement reasonable measures to minimise the risk of coronavirus
- Requiring face masks to be worn by adults and children aged 11 and over, unless exempt, in all retail settings, on public transport and in health and care settings

The current guidance is available at:

<https://gov.wales/alert-level-0-guidance-employers-businesses-and-organisations>

The Welsh Government confirmed that, if the public health situation remains stable, all legal measures could be removed from 28 March 2022.

A long term plan has also been published which sets out how Wales can live safely with coronavirus. 'Together for a Safer Future' can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/wales-long-term-covid-19-transition-pandemic-endemic>

## **COVID-19: Free 5 litre bottle of hand sanitising gel**

Gwynedd Council has a supply of hand sanitiser, which needs to be used before September 2022, available free of charge to local businesses on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in receiving a supply, which will be delivered by the Council directly to your business, contact:

PPEcymunedol@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

## **SURVEY: Education and the economy – HELP US TO HELP YOU!**

Gwynedd Council wants to better understand your current and future skills needs and how our local Secondary Schools can prepare their pupils to meet your needs when they complete their education. Please help by taking part in a short 5 minute survey, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7WP5YJS>

## **TAX: New local tax rules for holiday lets from April 2023**

The Welsh Government has announced that the criteria for self-catering accommodation qualifying for business rates instead of council tax will change from April 2023. From next April, to qualify for business rates instead of council tax, properties will need to be available to let for at least 252 days and actually let for at least 182 days in any 12-month period. To read the announcement go to:

<https://gov.wales/new-tax-rules-second-homes>

## **OPPORTUNITY: Busnes@LlandrilloMenai Green Digital Academy**

Busnes@LlandrilloMenai have launched an innovative new project providing free consultancy support by an expert mentor to help local businesses reduce their carbon footprint and make the most of digital technology. For more information go to:

<https://www.gllm.ac.uk/busnes/projects/green-digital-academy>

## **TECH: ‘Become a SMART Town’ March workshops**

The Welsh Government’s SMART Towns project aims to help town centre businesses take advantage of new technology which gathers information on how and when customers visit high streets. SMART Town systems are already in place in a number of Gwynedd’s towns and villages, with more on the way. Several ‘Become a SMART Town’ virtual workshops are being held in March. For more information, and to register, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/trefi-smart-towns-cymru-33152432853>

## **LEARNING: Free courses MeTAL – Materials and Manufacturing Education Training and Learning**

MeTAL (Materials and Manufacturing Education Training and Learning) is a work-based learning project that focusses on technical training modules to address skills shortages and provide industry with the skills required to thrive in a knowledge led sector. For a limited time, until 31 March 2022, they are now able to offer some of their online courses FREE of charge. For more information, go to:

<https://www.project-metal.co.uk/courses>

## **SURVEY: Help Build The Future of Wales Questionnaire – OECD**

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have produced a questionnaire on the future of regional development in Wales, with the Welsh Government. For more information and to take part in this short survey (closing on 9 March 2022), go to:

<https://bit.ly/3pEqKca>

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More useful information is available from:

## **Gwynedd Council – Business Support**

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/businesscovid19>

<https://twitter.com/BusnesGwynedd>

## **Gwynedd Business Network**

<https://www.gwyneddbusnes.net/>

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## **Business Wales**

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

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