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COVID-19: Move to Alert Level 0 to be completed on 7 August 2021

The Welsh Government has confirmed that the move to Alert Level 0 restrictions will be completed on 7 August 2021. At Alert Level 0, all restrictions on meeting with others will be removed and all businesses will be able to open. Some important protections will continue to be in place to give everyone the confidence to enjoy the summer ahead, these include:

- All those responsible for premises open to the public and workplaces must carry out a Covid risk assessment.
- Face coverings will continue to be required in most indoor public places in Wales.
- Everyone must continue to isolate for 10 days if they have Covid-19 symptoms or if they have a positive test result.

Guidance about Alert Level 0 can be found on:

<https://gov.wales/alert-level-0>

COVID-19: Key points for businesses at Alert Level 0

· Risk assessments

All those responsible for premises open to the public and workplaces must carry out a Covid-19 risk assessment and continue to take reasonable measures to minimise the risk of exposure to coronavirus, with a focus on social distancing, hygiene and ventilation. The guidance on preparing your risk assessment is here:

<https://gov.wales/public-premises-and-workplace-covid-19-risk-assessment>

· Face coverings

Adults and children over 12 must continue to wear face coverings in indoor public places, including on public transport, in shops and in healthcare settings. There will be exemptions for people who cannot wear them, as there are currently. Face coverings will not be required in hospitality settings such as restaurants, pubs, cafés or nightclubs, but it is recommended that they are worn, particularly at busy times. The guidance on responsibilities with regard to the wearing of face coverings is here:

<https://gov.wales/face-coverings-guidance-measures-be-taken-employers-and-managers-premises>

Alert Level 0 guidance for employers, businesses and organisations can be found on:

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

· Welsh Government digital assets for rules in Wales from 7 August 2021 can be found on:

<https://bit.ly/AsedauLefel0Assets>

COVID:-19: Changes to self-isolation for fully-vaccinated adults

Everyone must continue to isolate for 10 days if they have Covid-19 symptoms or if they have a positive test result. However, from 7 August 2021, all adults who have been fully-vaccinated will no longer have to self-isolate if they are

identified as close contacts of someone with coronavirus. For more information, go to:

<https://gov.wales/changes-self-isolation-fully-vaccinated-adults>

- Self-isolation support payment increased to £750

Following these changes to the policy on self-isolation, the Welsh Government's self-isolation support scheme will increase from £500 to £750 to support those who cannot work from home, and are told to isolate by the NHS Wales Test Trace Protect (TTP) service. For more information about this announcement, go to:

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation-support-payment-increased-750>

Further information on this financial support is available from:

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation-support-scheme>

COVID-19: Testing

The Welsh Government has advice, and free Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs), available for businesses, with more than 10 employees that cannot work from home, wishing to set up a testing regime in their workplaces. More information is available from:

<https://gov.wales/covid-19-workplace-testing-framework-html>

Free test kits can also be collected by yourself and staff from a number of locations across Gwynedd:

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Emergencies/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Tests.aspx>

General information on testing and contact tracing is available from:

<https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

COVID-19: Vaccination

A promotional pack is available showing how employers can help support their staff and promote the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme, go to:

<https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-promotional-pack-employers>

Vaccination clinics in Porthmadog and Caernarfon will be held this week:

• **PORTHMADOG**

Ysbyty Alltwn, LL49 9AQ: 8 August 2021 8:30am-6:00pm

Pfizer vaccination session – no appointment needed.

• **CAERNARFON**

Arfon Tennis Centre, LL55 1DU: 8 August 2021 8:30am-3:00pm

Astra Zeneca vaccination clinic for people aged 40+ – make an appointment by going to:

<https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccination-online-booking/>

COVID-19: general resources

For the latest advice and information go to:

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

<https://gov.wales/staying-safe-at-work>

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

Hospitality and tourism businesses should also go to;

<https://gov.wales/keeping-records-staff-customers-and-visitors-test-trace-protect>

<https://www.ukhospitality.org.uk/page/WalesGuidance>

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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