

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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COVID-19: Act now!

Gwynedd and Anglesey have the highest rates of coronavirus in Wales. With the Omicron variant spreading rapidly now is the time to act and protect your business and the whole community. To see the latest information on the number of coronavirus cases go to:

<https://tabsoft.co/3s7F8eW>

The Welsh Government has announced its aim to offer all eligible adults in Wales a booster vaccination by the end of December. To read the statement, go to:

<https://gov.wales/first-minister-outlines-ambitious-aim-offer-all-eligible-adults-booster-appointment-end-year>

You can help by encouraging your staff to get vaccinated and allowing them time off to attend their appointment. For the latest, go to:

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

Make sure you're doing everything you can to keep the virus in check by reviewing your legally required coronavirus risk

assessment and implementing every reasonable measure to minimise the risk. Pay particular attention to social distancing, ventilation, hand hygiene and mask wearing (including in pubs and restaurants when not eating or drinking). For guidance on preparing a risk assessment, go to:

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

Reasonable measures action cards for a number of sectors are available at:

<https://gov.wales/reasonable-measures-action-cards-businesses-and-organisations-coronavirus>

New COVID Pass regulations will also be coming into effect from tomorrow, 15 December 2021, including the removal of natural immunity as a way of gaining a pass. The latest can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/use-nhs-covid-pass-attend-large-events-and-venues>

Posters, images and videos to promote and explain the NHS COVID Pass can be downloaded at:

<https://gov.wales/nhs-covid-pass-promotional-pack>

The Coronavirus Regulations will be reviewed again at the end of the week. Make sure you read the next Business Bulletin for information on any changes.

FUNDING: £1 million fund to support 500 unemployed people to start a business

The Welsh Government is launching a £1 million fund to support up to 500 unemployed people and young people not in education, employment or training to start their own business. For more information, go to:

<https://gov.wales/1-million-fund-support-500-unemployed-people-start-business>

FUNDING: The Circular Future Fund: The Million Pound Challenge

In partnership with Hubbub, the John Lewis Partnership is launching a £1 million fund to support ideas and innovations that can accelerate the transition towards a more circular economy. Grants between £150,000 to £300,000 are available and Charities, Academic Bodies, Social Enterprises and registered companies less than 5 years old can apply. For more information, go to:

<https://www.circularfuturefund.co.uk/about>

FUNDING: Wales International Inbound Tourism Fund (WIITF)

The Wales International Inbound Tourism Fund has opened, and is targeted at Destination Management Companies, inbound tour operators, professional tourist guides and accredited English language schools located and operating in Wales. Awards will be for a minimum of £3,000 to a maximum of £50,000. To find out more, go to Visit Wales' 10 December 2021 newsletter:

<https://bit.ly/VisitWalesNews10Dec2021>

BREXIT: Successfully import, export and expand overseas

From 1 January 2022, businesses moving goods between the UK and EU will need to make customs declarations. Enterprise Nation has launched a new International Trade Hub to help small businesses. For more information, go to:

<https://www.enterprisenation.com/internationaltradehub/>

AGRICULTURE: Avian influenza (bird flu) – latest update

The latest updated guidance and information regarding the Avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak and the measures required to keep the outbreak under control can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/avian-influenza-bird-flu-latest-update>

TAX: Self Assessment customers use monthly payment plans to pay £46 million in tax

More than 20,000 Self Assessment customers have used HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) online monthly payment plan service since April to spread the cost of their tax bill. More on this at:

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

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

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