

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 21.12.2021**

### **FUNDING: Retail, leisure and hospitality to receive 50% non-domestic rates relief in 2022-23**

As part of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget proposals for 2022-2023 yesterday, 50% non-domestic rates relief for the duration of 2022-23 was announced for retail, leisure and hospitality ratepayers in Wales (capped at £110,000 per business). To read the statement, go to:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-non-domestic-rates-relief-businesses-2022-23>

Further details of the Draft Budget for 2022-23 are available here:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-draft-budget-2022-23>

### **COVID-19: Latest Information and Guidance**

Last Friday the Welsh Government announced the following changes to the Coronavirus regulations:

- Employers now have a legal duty to allow their employees to work from home if possible and employees are required to do so where practicable

From 27 December 2021:

- There will be a new set of reasonable measures for businesses and services, including a new rule on 2m social distancing. Shops, businesses and workplaces will need to make changes, including extra measures, such as one-way systems and physical barriers
- Nightclubs must close

In addition, the Welsh Government announced last night that sporting events in Wales will be played behind closed doors from Boxing Day. To read the announcement, go to:

<https://gov.wales/sporting-events-be-played-behind-closed-doors-omicron-cases-rise>

Carrying out a coronavirus risk assessment and implementing reasonable measures to control coronavirus transmission continues to be a legal requirement for all businesses, employers and event organisers. The latest information, guidance and advice is available at:

<https://gov.wales/your-responsibilities-employer-coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/staying-safe-christmas>

## **COVID-19: Vaccinations**

Appointments for vaccinations, including booster jabs, can now be booked online (those that already have an appointment this month should keep their existing appointment). For more information, and to book, go to:

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

As always, employers are being asked to help by allowing staff time off to attend COVID-19 vaccination appointments.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY: Dangers of emergency tree work**

Extreme weather conditions have caused problems across the country in the last few weeks with fallen trees and branches causing a lot of disruption. Information and guidance on carrying out tree work safely can be found at:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/treework/>

## **BREXIT: Get a goods movement reference**

From 1 January 2022, hauliers will need to use the Goods Vehicle Movement Service to get any goods that they move through a port in the UK that uses the service, through customs. Ports using the goods vehicle movement service to control goods will need pre-lodged declaration references to be linked together within a single goods movement reference (GMR). Guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-the-goods-vehicle-movement-service>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-goods-movement-reference>

## **TAX: Don't forget to declare COVID-19 grants on your tax return**

HMRC are reminding customers who received COVID-19 grant payments during the 2020 to 2021 tax year should declare them in their tax return. For more information, go to:

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

## **EVENTS: Business Wales webinars**

Business Wales have a range of webinars available. In early January 2022, these will include; starting a business, tendering and a number of workshops on making the most of digital. For more information and to book go to:

<https://wales.business-events.org.uk/>

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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/>

<https://twitter.com/gwyneddbusnes>

### **Business Wales**

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

<https://twitter.com/businesswales>

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