# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd





#### CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL

## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin** 28.01.2022

### COVID-19: Wales moves to Alert Level 0

The Welsh Government has confirmed that Wales will return to Alert Level 0 from today, 28 January 2022. For businesses, this means that:

- Nightclubs can re-open.
- The two-metre social distancing rule no longer applies to premises open to the public and workplaces.
- No rule of six for gatherings in regulated premises, such as hospitality, cinemas and theatres.
- Licensed premises no longer need to only provide table service and collect contact details.
- Working from home is no longer a legal requirement, but is advisable where possible.

To read the statement in full, go to:

https://gov.wales/written-statement-review-health-protectioncoronavirus-restriction-no5-wales-regulations-2020-19

# COVID-19: Measures remaining at Alert Level 0

The following measures remain in place at Alert Level 0

#### RISK ASSESMENTS

Carrying out a coronavirus risk assessment is still a legal requirement for all businesses, employers and event organisers and reasonable measures to minimise the risk of coronavirus must be implemented:

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

#### FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings continue to be required in most indoor public places and public transport, with the exception of hospitality settings:

https://gov.wales/face-coverings-guidance-measures-betaken-employers-and-managers-premises

#### COVID PASS

A COVID Pass is still required to enter larger indoor and outdoor events, nightclubs, cinemas, theatres and concert halls:

https://gov.wales/covid-pass-guidance-businesses-and-events

### SELF-ISOLATION (guidance updated)

Everyone must self-isolate if they test positive for coronavirus or if they are 18 or over and not fully vaccinated and a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

From today, (28 January 2022), people who test positive for COVID-19 will be able to leave self-isolation after 5 full days if they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 of their self-isolation period and a second negative test the next day. Financial support through the Self-Isolation Support Scheme will return to the original payment of £500 in recognition of the

shorter period. The updated guidance can be found at: <a href="https://gov.wales/self-isolation">https://gov.wales/self-isolation</a>

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

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

The latest Alert Level 0 guidance for business can be found at:

https://gov.wales/alert-level-0-guidance-employers-businessesand-organisations

# RECRUITMENT: Gwaith Gwynedd hospitality jobs fair

Gwynedd Council's initiative, Gwaith Gwynedd, in partnership with the DWP (Department for Work & Pensions), intends to host in-person jobs fairs for the hospitality sector in several locations throughout Gwynedd between mid February and early March. If you'd like to take part, contact 01286 679211 or gwaithgwynedd@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

You can also advertise on the Gwaith Gwynedd Jobs Noticeboard by going to:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1169426113501265

# LEARNING: MADE Cymru – courses starting 4 February 2022

Fully funded places are now available on the MADE Cymru programmes for manufacturers, 'Upskilling for Industry 4.0' and 'Innovation Management'. The courses start in February 2022, for more information go to:

https://www.madecymru.co.uk/

or email: MADE@uwtsd.ac.uk

# **HEALTH & SAFETY: Working at height guidelines**

The latest Health & Safety Executive (HSE) guidelines showing what employers need to do to protect their employees when they work at height can be found at:

https://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm

# SECURITY: National Cyber Security Centre urges UK organisations to bolster their cyber security resilience

UK organisations are encouraged to take action to bolster their cyber security resilience in response to the malicious cyber incidents in and around Ukraine. For more information, go to:

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/uk-organisations-encouraged-to-take-action-around-ukraine-situation

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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