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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, MONDAY, 27TH APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Monday, 27th April, as follows:

'I hope this latest update finds you all well and you are managing during these unprecedented times. Every day brings new challenges. However, as I have reiterated on numerous occasions, we have to stay strong, stay at home and stay safe.

'I'm sure you will all agree that our frontline services are doing an amazing job in keeping this country going. Everyone is facing new ways of doing their roles and to date I am only hearing praise for how everyone, collectively, is stepping up to tackle this pandemic.

'I'm also aware that people are frightened and becoming frustrated at the continued lockdown we face. But we have to continue on this road to ensure the long-term solution to this awful situation.

'Who could have imagined, at the start of this year, how 2020 would pan out. Yes, these are very strange times but please be assured that we will get through this. We will recover and move forward.

'I want to highlight that tomorrow (Tuesday, 28th April) is International Workers' Memorial Day. I will be joining thousands of people throughout Wales in observing a minute's silence at 11 am to reflect on those who have died in the coronavirus pandemic.

'It is also a chance for us to show our respect to all those working so hard to care for people at this time. I hope you can pause for one minute tomorrow at 11 am to show your respect

'Today I want to thank the Authority's contact centre and our housing staff.

'Our contact centre has carried on answering queries and phone calls throughout the Covid-19 situation and I am sure you will agree that the way they have undertaken their duties to reassure and guide people has been a great assistance and strength to many.

'Our housing team are working together to ensure that we support all of our tenants and those who are homeless during this challenging period.

'Sourcing and preparing accommodation for those who are homeless - or in an emergency situation - has been challenging. Despite this we are managing to offer accommodation to those who need it.

'The officers are conducting welfare calls to all of our 5,550 tenants as well as to those in temporary accommodation to check on how they are coping and to link them in to any essential services they might need.

'I personally want to thank both these teams for the way they are professionally dealing with front-line issues. Thank you very much

'To conclude today I want to reassure you all that as an Authority we are continuing to deal with Covid-19 issues through our strategic group.

'I want to acknowledge the hard work of our strategic lead managers, Richard Brown and Darren Thomas, for all their efforts and indeed all the staff and Elected Members within the Council.

'Every day we are faced with new challenges. However, the Authority continues to move forward. Remember, together we are strong and together we will get through this.

'Press releases issued since my last update on Friday are:

- Council To Resume Grass Cutting:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/county-council-to-resume-grass-cutting>
- Spread The Word On How To Access Help:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/help-spread-the-word-on-how-to-access-help-during-lockdown>
- 3D Project Helping To Protect Frontline Workers:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/3d-project-helping-to-protect-frontline-workers>

'Public Health Wales is updating and adding to their resources regularly. Please find all assets here:
<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-resources/>

'Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom>

‘And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at:

<https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk>

‘Don’t risk catching or spreading the virus, why risk it? Stay Strong, Stay Safe and Stay at Home. Thank you.’

Useful links:

- www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws
- <https://phw.nhs.wales/>
- [Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru - Coronafeirws Newydd \(COVID-19\) - Cyngor hunan-ynysu](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>