

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, TUESDAY, 12TH MAY

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Tuesday, 12th May, as follows:

'As we in Wales and Pembrokeshire continue in lockdown, I want to reassure you all that we will get through this difficult period in our lives.

'I am aware that this extended lockdown is challenging however we need to remember that our principle goal is preservation of life.

'We all have a role to play to ensure that we continue to fight this invisible enemy. The pandemic is cruel and it is taking lives and we are also aware that anyone could catch this virus.

'I want to extend my sympathy to anyone who has been directly affected by this virus or knows someone who has unfortunately lost their life.

'I'd like to reiterate the Welsh Government's latest key messages, namely:

- the coronavirus lockdown in Wales will be extended for a further three weeks with minor adjustments but with maximum caution maintained to ensure the virus does not spread
 - while the first peak of infection has been passed and rates continue to fall, it is still too early for a significant lifting of requirements or restrictions
- all of us must continue to work from home wherever we can
- all of us must only travel when absolutely necessary
- and all of us must continue to observe the two-metre social distancing rule and wash our hands often.

'These measures will continue to protect us all from coronavirus and save lives.

'The Welsh Government also made a series of small adjustments to the regulations including:

- allowing people to exercise more than once a day, but people should stay "local". This means any exercise should start and end at home and not involve going a significant distance from home
 - enabling local authorities to begin the process of planning how to safely re-open libraries and municipal recycling centres
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- allowing garden centres to open provided they comply with the physical distancing duty.

'These changes apply to everyone but the 120,000 people in the shielding group. It is really important this group continues to follow the shielding advice.

'The Welsh Government also urges people who are over 70, who have an underlying health condition or who are pregnant, to continue to take extra care to protect themselves.

‘I want to thank everyone for the positive feedback you have offered to myself, Elected Members and the Authority itself. Everyone across our county is working hard to ensure we do the right thing - that is we stay at home and stay safe.

‘I urge you all to keep strong and keep positive. There will be better days ahead and we need to be patient.

‘The following coronavirus-related press releases have been issued since my last update yesterday:

- Capital Funding:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/cabinet-to-consider-project-capital-funding>

- Parents Asked For Views:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/parents-asked-for-their-views-on-education-related-matters>

- Unpaid Carers Urged To Take Part In Survey:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/unpaid-carers-urged-to-take-part-in-survey-to-shape-future-support>

- Numbers Helped by Community Hub Rise:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/number-of-people-helped-by-community-hub-continues-to-rise>

- Libraries To Remain Closed For Now:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/libraries-to-remain-closed-for-now>

‘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? Remember: 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>