

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, FRIDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Friday, 25th September, as follows:

'Once again another week has passed and we still face challenges in relation to Covid-19.

'I must admit this is a more sombre message that I thought I would be delivering this time last week but the fact of the matter is that we are facing rising cases of coronavirus infections in different parts of Wales.

'With six local authority areas in Wales now in local lockdown and restrictions in Llanelli, Swansea and Cardiff to be introduced this weekend, we are facing the possibility of the coronavirus regaining a foothold in our local communities and towns.

'However, if we continue to work collectively we can keep the virus away from our homes.

'That is why the First Minister introduced new measures which came into force yesterday – including stopping the sale of alcohol in hospitality venues at 10 pm – in a bid to stem the increase of coronavirus cases.

'I do not wish to be seen as a doom-monger but it is now more important than ever that we all follow the rules and guidance to protect everyone – we all have a duty and responsibility to tackle this head on.

'We should work from home wherever it is safe to do so and only meet six people indoors, ensuring that those six people are all part of your extended household.

'I know this will cause grave concern to many but I do not think it is too much to ask that we all observe the two metre safe distancing rule and wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces as instructed by the Welsh Government.

'This includes not only shops but also public conveniences and even our two multi-storey car parks in Haverfordwest and Tenby.

'Some of our libraries are due to re-open on Monday and the same guidance will apply in those facilities.

'I have asked you all before to support each other and continue to battle against this storm – now is not the time to ease up.

'We need to continue to fight and dig deep to ensure we do not go back to the bleak days in April – keep going Team Pembrokeshire.

'We have made progress in the past few months and I would despair if we were to throw all of it away for the sake of obeying some simple rules.

'This week we have seen a turn in the weather. Autumn is now upon us and we all need to keep our loved ones safe. The autumn and winter can be long months for those living alone, especially this year.

'So this weekend I want you all to pick up the phone and say hello to someone. I know I will be encouraging my family to talk to someone. Saying hello can make a huge difference.

'I want to thank everyone that gets in touch with me, passing on concerns and compliments on how the Authority is dealing with Covid-19. Thank you very much.

'The following coronavirus-related press releases have been issued since my update last Friday:

- Praise For Milford Covid Project:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/milford-covid-19-project-praised>

- Covid Worker Kieran Keeping School Clean:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/kierans-keeping-school-clean-and-safe-thanks-to-cam-nesa>

- Wearing A Face Covering: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/how-to-wear-a-face-covering>

- Gaining Digital Skills During Covid: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/take-your-first-steps-towards-gaining-digital-skills>

- New Restrictions On Alcohol:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/covid-19-alcohol-restrictions-come-into-force>

'Public Health Wales (PHW) publishes an interactive [daily dashboard](#) of data about coronavirus cases across Wales broken down by health board and local authority area, at: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

'PHW also provides a [daily update](#) focusing on key public health information and updates at: <https://covid19-phwstatement.nhs.wales/>

'Information about coronavirus is available [here](#) on the Welsh Government's website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

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

'For service updates visit: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/emergency-planning/service-changes>

'And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at: <https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk>

Other 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>