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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, THURSDAY, 9th APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Thursday, 9th April, as follows:

'Once again I want to reinforce this week's message which is: "stay at home and help stop the virus spreading."

'I appreciate that the lockdown is difficult and I want to thank you for sticking to the rules. We are all making sacrifices each day. However, it is vital that we continue to do so in order to beat this pandemic. Now is not the time to ignore the advice.

'Easter weekend is a special time so please spend time with your family at home, enjoy the garden but please stay at home.

'Most people are sticking to the rules but, frustratingly, some people are ignoring the advice. Sadly many have died after catching coronavirus. If we all do not act now more lives will be lost.

'Your actions and decisions over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend and coming weeks will shape our county – so Stay at Home!

'I can confirm that we will be working with the Police to monitor "hot spots" over the Easter weekend to ensure people are complying with government advice and legislation. Enforcement officers will also be working over the weekend.

"During these unprecedented times we are asking people not to visit Pembrokeshire now. Please visit us later when the crisis is over.

'I now want to highlight some key items.

'Safeguarding children and adults at risk is a critical area for social services which remains fully operational.

'Our Children and Adults duty teams remain in operation to receive calls about children and adults at risk of harm, abuse or neglect. We all have an important role to play in helping to protect children, young people and adults from harm.

'If you think a child or young person is being abused, or at risk of being abused, please report it by ringing the Child Care Assessment Team on: 01437 776444.

'If you think an adult is being abused, or at risk of being abused, please report it by ringing the Adult Safeguarding Team on: 01437 776056.

'If you have concerns outside of office hours, you should contact the Emergency Duty Team on: 0300 333 2222.

'I want to confirm that there are no changes to the waste and recycling kerbside collections over the Bank Holiday weekend. These services continue to run as normal.

'Please help our collection crews by minimising the amount of household waste you create over the Easter weekend. With pressure on services and with waste and recycling centre's temporarily closed, try and avoid any big clear-outs at home or undertaking any DIY or garden projects which are likely to generate large amounts of waste.

'And please do not burn household waste at home. This creates air pollution that could harm people nearby who may already have breathing difficulties due to Covid-19. There is also the danger that fires could get out of control. Fire services around the country are reporting an increase in call-outs due to garden fires.

'I want to end my newsletter by wishing everyone a Happy Easter weekend. I appreciate we are all facing difficult times. However, we all need to pause and reflect and ensure we act collectively to beat this pandemic

'Remember: together we are stronger and together we will get through this.

'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/>

'Press releases issued since my update yesterday are:

- Hundred Helped By Coronavirus Hub Team:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/hundreds-helped-by-coronavirus-hub-team>
- Police And Council Work Together:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/police-and-council-work-together-to-enforce-coronavirus-restrictions>

- Council Staff To Work Easter To Keep Grant Cash Flowing:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/council-staff-to-work-easter-weekend-to-keep-grant-cash-flowing>
- Next Batch Of School Meal Vouchers On Their Way:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/next-batch-of-free-school-meals-vouchers-on-their-way>
- Council Kick-Starts PPE Facemasks Project:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/county-council-kick-starts-ppe-facemasks-project>
- Pembrokeshire Extends Suspension of Parking Charges:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/pembrokeshire-extends-suspension-of-car-park-charges>

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'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>

'Stay Safe. Thank you.'

Useful links:

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

For the latest advice and press releases relating to coronavirus, please view: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

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