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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, FRIDAY, 17th APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Friday, 17th April, as follows:

'I want to start today by reassuring you all that as an Authority we are actively working alongside all agencies to tackle this pandemic. In order to tackle and beat it we have to adhere to the advice.

'I appreciate the lockdown has been an inconvenience and the extension for another three weeks at least will require people to adjust their lives and display personal strength and resolve.

'However, we need to keep going, keep strong and keep together. Failure to tackle this issue will result in more death and the loss of loved ones.

'Please ensure you follow the guidance, namely that you should only leave the house for very limited reasons - referred to in the regulations as a "reasonable excuse" - which includes:

- shopping for basic necessities as infrequently as possible
- one form of exercise a day - for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- and travelling to and from work, but only where this is absolutely necessary and cannot be done from home.

'I want to thank everyone working in care and residential homes. I appreciate that these facilities are in lockdown but essential care and welfare provisions have to continue.

'I really do appreciate the work you are all doing to keep the residents occupied and healthy. I also appreciate that these homes require good teamwork as there are many daily tasks that need to be undertaken. Please be assured that everyone appreciates the work you are doing as you are keeping loved ones safe.

'Press releases issued since my last update are:

- Council Chairman's Message:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/council-chairmans-message>
- Virtual Farmers Market Launched Online:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/virtual-haverfordwest-farmers-market-launched-online>
- Waste and Recycling Questions Answered:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/waste-and-recycling-questions-answered>
- Social Isolation Increases Risk Levels to Vulnerable:
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/concern-social-isolation-increases-risk-levels-to-vulnerable-children-and-groups-in-the-communities-of-mid-and-west-wales>

'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>

'Remember: stay strong, stay at home and 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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