

## **PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, MONDAY, 22ND JUNE**

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Monday, 22nd June, as follows:

'Hope you are all well and feeling recharged after the weekend.

'From today non-essential business are allowed to open. This is part of a phased approach to the unlocking of our economy.

'I appreciate that, for many, today is a very important milestone allowing people the opportunity to revisit their favourite shops and, most importantly, allowing these businesses to re-open their doors.

'Although non-essential businesses are back open, some may be on reduced hours so we still need to be mindful of how we deal with this change. We all have a responsibility to maintain our social distancing and to remain within our local area.

'Unfortunately the pandemic has not gone away and we are still collectively responsible to ensure we stop the spread of Covid-19.

'We also need to consider our actions and the impact on our families, neighbours, community and Pembrokeshire as a County.

'I know Welsh Government has set out some key dates on the path to an eventual return to normality but we still need to heed the advice being offered and ensure we all work together.

'Like all good teams and groups, collectively we are stronger.

'Earlier today we held a short ceremony outside County Hall, Haverfordwest, when our Chairman, Dr Simon Hancock, raised the Armed Forces flag. He was accompanied by our Armed Forces Champion, County Councillor John Coles from Merlins Bridge.

'Normally we invite members of the Armed Forces – both past and present – along with the Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed to witness the flag-raising.

'Sadly this was not possible this year because of the Covid pandemic and the associated social distancing and travel restrictions.

'The flag will be flying outside County Hall for several days to mark Armed Forces Week which culminates with Armed Forces Day on Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> June).

'We have been celebrating this event since its inception in 2009 which is wholly appropriate given Pembrokeshire's historical links with all three of the Services.

'My next message will be on Wednesday.

'The following coronavirus-related press release has been issued since my previous update on Friday:

- Choice Homes Reassurance:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/choice-homes-reassurance-from-cabinet-member>

'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>

'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>

'Remember: 'Stay Local. Stay Safe.'

Useful links:

- [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- [www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws](http://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>