

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Friday, 2nd October, as follows:

'Welcome to another of my Leader's Updates and I hope you are keeping safe and well.

'This is my 75th message since they began on 9th March. Back then I didn't for a moment think that, almost seven months later, they would still be published.

'The bitter truth is that with 16 areas of Wales now in local lockdown the fight against the coronavirus is far from over.

'To date Pembrokeshire has escaped the reintroduction of restrictions now affecting 2.3 million of the Welsh population and hopefully we will continue to do so.

'But that will only happen if we stay vigilant, obey the social distancing guidelines and wear face coverings in enclosed public areas as instructed.

'We all have a personal responsibility to obey these simple rules.

'Remember, Governments can only do so much and it is incumbent on all of us to follow the advice given and play our part to combat the rise in coronavirus cases.

'It is hard, I know that. But if we stay united, one day this will all be behind us. Please stay strong.

'I am pleased to report that figures published earlier today by the Welsh Government show that our schools have the highest attendance in Wales since the start of the new academic year last month.

'The statistics show that during September, Pembrokeshire's average daily school attendance was 90.4 per cent – the highest of all Wales's 22 local authority areas. The Welsh average was 81.1 per cent.

'My congratulations to pupils - and their families - teaching staff and the Council's education staff who have made those figures possible.

'Inevitably, today has also seen our first confirmed case of coronavirus in a school setting in Pembrokeshire, details of which can be found in a press release below.

'We have been expecting this - other Welsh local authorities have been dealing with similar scenarios - and a series of well-rehearsed procedures have been put in place.

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

- Popular Library Service To Be Extended:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/popular-library-order-and-collect-service-to-be-extended>

- Keeping Pupils Safe:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/keeping-pupils-safe-with-socially-distanced-school-crossing-patrols>

- Customer Service Centres Stay Closed:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/customer-service-centres-in-pembrokeshire-remain-closed>

- DofE Awards Continue Through Covid:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/all-systems-go-for-duke-of-edinburghs-award>

- Winter Opening Hours For Waste And Recycling Centres:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/waste-and-recycling-centres-to-move-to-winter-opening-hours>

- Pembrokeshire School Attendance Highest In Wales:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/pembrokeshires-school-attendance-highest-in-wales>

- Coronavirus Case Confirmed:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/covid-19-case-confirmed>

'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>