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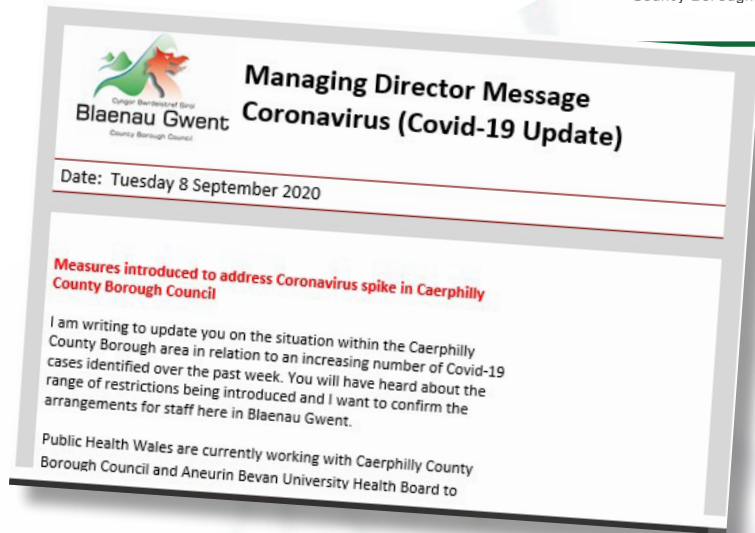
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Internal Communications

MD Message



**Managing Director Message
Coronavirus (Covid-19 Update)**

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2020

Measures introduced to address Coronavirus spike in Caerphilly County Borough Council

I am writing to update you on the situation within the Caerphilly County Borough area in relation to an increasing number of Covid-19 cases identified over the past week. You will have heard about the range of restrictions being introduced and I want to confirm the arrangements for staff here in Blaenau Gwent.

Public Health Wales are currently working with Caerphilly County Borough Council and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to

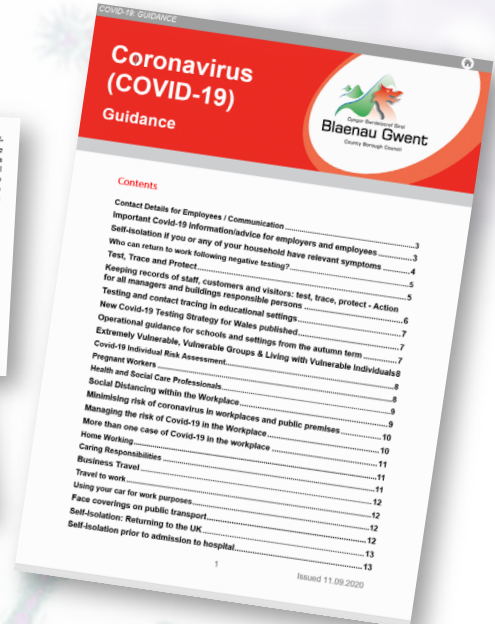
Weekly staff Guidance

Important Covid-19 information/advice for employers and employees

Important Covid-19 information and advice for employers and employees is now available on the [Healthy Working Wales website](#). The site brings together a raft of information from UK Government, Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and NHS Direct Wales to help signpost to the relevant guidance. It includes sector specific and general guidance.

Self-isolation requirements

- Self-isolation period for people with relevant symptoms - at least 10 days self-isolation from day of onset of symptoms (and so before a test should be arranged within 5 days of symptoms starting). After 10 days, if you still have a temperature, you must continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. We will require you to be a minimum of 48 hours fever free before returning to work. You do not need to continue to self-isolate after 10 days if you only have a cough or loss of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.
- Household contacts of people with symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days - If a household contact develops symptoms during this period / or tests positive for Covid-19, then after 10 days of their symptoms starting, if they feel better and sense of smell or taste - they can return to their normal routine. As before, a test should be arranged within 5 days of symptoms starting. If their test result is negative, they must continue with isolation as part of the household for the full 14 days.
- Self-isolation period for people without symptoms but identified as positive by symptoms develop during this 10 day isolation period then they must restart the 10 day self-isolation period from the day of onset of symptoms.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case develop symptoms during the period then they should self-isolate for 10 days from day of onset of symptoms (and an additional 2 days if they develop symptoms).



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance

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Briefing for Members
Caerphilly increase in COVID-19

Dear Member:

I am writing to update you on the situation within the Caerphilly County Borough area in relation to an increasing number of Covid-19 cases identified over the past week.

Public Health Wales are currently working with Caerphilly County Borough Council and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to manage the clusters of cases which has been described as significant. Proactive communication has been issued today and you can read more about this on the ABUHB website - [https://abuhb.wales/news/newspec-in-caerphilly-urged-to-social-distance-properly-as-clusters-of-coronavirus-give-cause-for-concern/](#)

Current investigations indicate that a lack of social distancing by a small group of people of all age groups, in a range of different locations, has resulted in the spread of the virus in the wider community.

Identified cases and their contacts are being advised to self-isolate as per Welsh Government guidelines. The Gwent Test Trace Protect service, of which we are involved with this work.

The clusters are currently mainly confined to the Caerphilly town and surrounding communities which is why a temporary walk-in testing centre has now been opened in Caerphilly Town Centre.

Care homes in Caerphilly borough have closed again to visitors.

An important thing we can all do now is continue to encourage and promote the importance of social distancing and other Covid control measures, such as good hand hygiene, amongst our constituents. We will be doing this as a Council and for those on social media accounts our constituents. We will be doing this as a Council and for those on social media accounts and/or other official sources such as the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales. We all need to work together to Keep Wales Safe.

At present, cases in the Blaenau Gwent area remain stable. Please be assured we will communicate any changes to you as necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Damien McCann
Director of Social Services
(on behalf of Michelle Morris, Managing Director)

Elected Member Update
Education Latest & Schools Re-opening

Dear Elected Member,

This communication is designed to give you an update on the work of the Education Directorate & our schools in relation to the Covid-19 Pandemic. I'm sure you will continue to join me in giving thanks to our Education Directorate and our schools for their hard work and dedication to learners and families during this time.

Councillor Joanne Collins - Executive Member for Education

Childcare Provision for Children of Key Workers

This notice is to provide information to all schools in Blaenau Gwent in relation to the provision of childcare for children of key workers. There are 141 children and young people attending childcare and group settings.

- We are currently taking in new applications and continue to check with families on a regular basis.
- The hubs have been operating in line with the Welsh Government's current advice on social distancing.
- The hubs have pre-school children accessing childcare settings under the provision for key worker families, the C-Child scheme. More childcare settings are expected to re-open during the second cluster on the below.
- Childcare provision for key workers is set to continue, but will operate slightly differently from June 2020. The plan is to plan work being undertaken to open all schools in June 2020. More details on the below.