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## Introduction

To keep our members up to date with the ever changing circumstances, our members' e-briefing will now be released twice a week rather than weekly. Through this we hope to distribute relevant updates on the impact of Covid-19, as well as other relevant news.

## Useful Links

[A daily statement](#) by Public Health Wales on the Covid-19 outbreak can be found on their website. They have also released a number of useful resources and guidance that can be found here: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welsh Government have a dedicated webpage for advice, news and resources on the Covid-19 outbreak that can be found here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

The Children's Commissioner for Wales website now has an information hub for information and advice and can be found here: <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirus/>

NHS Direct have launched an online symptom checker that can be found on their website: <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/>

[Money Saving Expert](#) is producing financial advice guides online on subject matters including Mortgages & other debts, rental help, energy top-ups & more.

[COVID-19 Safeguarding Children - Bi-lingual-Information for display](#)

[Welsh Government safeguarding information for practitioners](#)

Support for victims of Domestic Abuse - The Live Fear Free helpline is available 24 hours a day – call free on 0808 8010 800 any time, if you can do it safely. You can also text 0786 007 7333, email [info@livefearfreehelpline.wales](mailto:info@livefearfreehelpline.wales) or webchat - <https://gov.wales/live-fear-free/contact-live-fear-free>. If you can't talk in safety, but you need help immediately, police forces across Wales will respond to a silent 999 call – dial 999 followed by 55 to indicate that you can't talk, but need help.

Citizen's Advice: [What coronavirus means for you](#)

[Information from the Welsh Government about vulnerable children and safeguarding during the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

## Health Updates

UNICEF's Response to the UN Secretary-General's Call on Countries to Prioritize Children's Education, Food, Health and Safety amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

The number of people being shielded from coronavirus in Wales has risen to 121,000, the Welsh health minister has said. Letters will be sent this week to "high-risk" patients, Vaughan Gething AM, said

An ex-Labour MP has urged Welsh ministers not to impose a "blanket ban" on the over-70s being involved in the easing of the coronavirus lockdown.

# Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

As of 6 May 2020, the National Assembly for Wales will become the Welsh Parliament or Senedd Cymru, commonly known as the Senedd. Members will be known as 'Aelodau o'r Senedd' (AS) or 'Members of the Senedd' (MS). There will be changes that you will notice from today. Key information about new [domain names](#), [email addresses](#) and [postal address](#) is available, as well as key [Senedd terms](#) on the Senedd website.

[Welsh Government: Five ways to help children and young people stay safe during the coronavirus lockdown](#)

[Welsh Government: The laws and guidance on these laws passed in Wales in response to the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

[Welsh Government to 'test, track and trace' to control further transmission of Covid-19](#)

[Welsh Government: Help for the vulnerable from local authorities and voluntary groups](#)

[Latest statement from Public Health Wales](#)

## Mental Well-being Updates

[Accessing school and community-based counselling](#)

[Meic Cymru - Be A Superhero: Share Your Covid-19 Experience campaign](#)

## Education Updates

[Could social distancing really work in school? Denmark and German show how it might look.](#)

[Weekly webinars from Hwb to support teachers with distance learning](#)

## Policy, Research and Information

[Consultation: Scrutiny of Covid-19 and its impact on children and young people \(including students in further and higher education\)](#)

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is exploring how the outbreak of COVID-19 is affecting all aspects of life for children and young people (including students in further and higher education). [A child-friendly version](#) of this call for views is available. Given current circumstances there is no fixed deadline by which to submit your views – share them with us as soon as you're able so that we can follow things up in as timely a way as possible. Find out more, and how to submit your views [here](#).

[Consultation: Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's remit.](#) The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the Covid-19 outbreak in Wales. The inquiry will consider the impact of coronavirus, and the response to it, on the following areas: Local government, housing, equalities, tackling poverty, human rights, and any other issues within the committee's portfolio.

The Committee is keen to hear from anyone with an interest in this inquiry. Given current circumstances there is no fixed deadline by which to submit your views, we ask you to share them with us as soon as you're able so that we can follow things up in as timely a way as possible. Find out more, and how to submit your views [here](#).

[NYAS Survey: What the Coronavirus lockdown has meant for you.](#) NYAS are asking children and young people to fill in this five-minute survey. We are asking ten questions to find out how you feel about what is going on in your life now, during the lockdown.

The NSPCC has released advice on online safety for children and young people during the coronavirus pandemic: "It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe." Find out more [here](#).