

Business Resilience Forum

Alert Level 4 Meeting

22nd December 2020



Coronavirus is at a very high level in Wales

This means:

We must only go out for food, education, care, health or work, if we can't work from home

We must only travel if essential

We must not meet people we do not live with, either indoors or outdoors. A person living alone or a single parent can form a support bubble with one other household

When we go out we must keep our distance, wash hands regularly and wear a face mask where required

We must self-isolate immediately and request a test if we develop Covid symptoms

Non-essential retail, including close contact services, leisure, gyms, hospitality and holiday accommodation are closed

These Level 4 rules will remain in place until coronavirus numbers fall

The safest way to spend Christmas is at home with our immediate family, but for Christmas Day only, 2 households will be able to join together. If you are joining with another household, remember to avoid close contact, open windows whenever you can and wipe surfaces regularly.

For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Wales go to

www.gov.wales/coronavirus

Together we'll keep Wales safe

Wales is in now in Alert Level 4 – which will impact many businesses

Please check out the FAQs for Alert Level 4

<https://gov.wales/alert-level-4-frequently-asked-questions>



Business advice, guidance and support will be updated regularly via our website. Click on the **‘Support For Local Businesses’** image below when on www.Monmouthshire.gov.uk



The screenshot shows the website's navigation structure. At the top, there is a dark grey menu with links for 'Your Council', 'Services', 'Education', 'Care', 'Business & Jobs', and 'Things to do', along with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. Below this is a green navigation bar with icons and labels for 'My Monmouthshire', 'Local Info', 'COVID-19 Information', 'Request a service', 'Report a problem', and 'Pay f...'. The main content area features two large grey boxes with the text 'EIN STRATEGAETH GAEAF' and 'OUR WINTER STRATEGY'. At the bottom, a prominent dark red banner with a yellow border contains the text 'CYMORTH I FUSNESAU LLEOL' and 'SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES'. The footer of the page features a green silhouette of a town skyline.

Funding information will continue to be shared on all channels as it when it is available – here are some key links:

- Check out [monmouthshire.gov.uk](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk) website for updates
<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/business-advice/>
- and <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/licensing/>
- For information about the Restrictions Business Fund: <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/restrictions-business-fund/>
- Follow and share **@MonmouthshireCC** social media posts
- **Tourism & hospitality businesses** – follow Visit Monmouthshire Twitter account / join Visit Monmouthshire Business Facebook group and [sign up to Visit Wales industry updates](#) for latest news.



Look out for this logo on social media, which will accompany key posts about business grants



Non-essential retail businesses can arrange click and collect as an option



Some shops that have been forced to close may still offer **CLICK & COLLECT** service providing the correct measures have been put in place.

Guidance for businesses:
[Business closures: alert level 4](https://www.gov.wales/business-closures-alert-level-4)
[| GOV.WALES](https://www.gov.wales)



Takeaway service options for restaurants and cafes



TAKEAWAY SERVICE

Restaurants and cafés that have been forced to close may offer TAKEAWAY SERVICE providing the correct measures have been put into place.

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Business grants – Latest on the Business Restrictions Fund

If you own a hospitality, tourism or leisure business, or are part of their supply chain. **APPLY NOW.** <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/restrictions-business-fund/> However, if you received a Firebreak Lockdown Grant you will automatically receive a payment and do not need to apply.

The Welsh Government has confirmed that the Restrictions Business Fund will be enhanced to provide additional specific support to non-essential (NDR) retail businesses forced to close by the latest regulations.

If you are a “non-essential” retailer who received an NDR (Non Domestic Rated) linked grant under the recent Firebreak Lockdown scheme then you will not need to reapply for this new grant. A payment of either £3,000 or £5,000 will be automatically paid to you week commencing 4th January 2021.

Non-essential retail businesses forced to close who did not apply for the NDR Firebreak Lockdown grant will need to complete a short application form. This form will be available on our website in the first week of January 2021.

If you are under the non-essential retail category and wanting to apply for this grant please do not complete the application form currently on our website. This form is intended for hospitality, leisure and tourism businesses affected by the restrictions announced on 4th December 2020.



Please contact us if you are worried about anyone who has needs food this Christmas?

- Email: partnerships@monmouthshire.gov.uk if you know anyone who is struggling to buy food we can help



Here are some links for support at this difficult time



*Thinking about
all those...*

- Grieving a loss at Christmas
- Homesick for family and friends
- Mentally or physically exhausted
- Trying to hold it all together
- Struggling to make magic for their children
- Worried about what the future holds



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- Visit Mental Health Cymru page for information about the helplines and self-help courses that are available:
<https://phw.nhs.wales/mentalhealthcymru>



If your business has any food it can't use perhaps you could donate it to help others please



➤ Email:
partnerships@monmouthshire.gov.uk
if your business might be forced to destroy food this year, we can put you in touch with Food Banks

