
DECLARATION BY THE
WELSH MINISTERS

2020 (WG20-15)

PUBLIC HEALTH, WALES

**Declaration of threat to public
health in Wales due to coronavirus**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the declaration)

Part 4 of Schedule 22 to the Coronavirus Act 2020, gives the Welsh Ministers powers relating to events, gatherings and premises in Wales in the event of a serious and imminent threat to public health in Wales due to coronavirus.

Paragraph 26 of that Schedule enables the Welsh Ministers to make a declaration under that paragraph if they are of the view that—

- (a) the incidence or transmission of coronavirus constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health in Wales, and
- (b) the powers in the Schedule will be an effective means of—
 - (i) preventing, protecting against, delaying or otherwise controlling the incidence or transmission of coronavirus in Wales, or
 - (ii) facilitating the most appropriate deployment of medical or emergency personnel and resources in Wales.

Before making a declaration under paragraph 26 of Schedule 22, the Welsh Ministers must consult the Chief Medical Officer or one of the Deputy Chief Medical Officers for Wales.

Having come to the view outlined above and having consulted the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, the Welsh Ministers have made this declaration under paragraph 26 of Schedule 22.

The effect of the declaration is to enable the Welsh Ministers to use the powers conferred on them by Part 4 of Schedule 22 to the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Part 4 of Schedule 22 gives powers to the Welsh Ministers to make directions relating to the prohibition or restriction of events or gatherings and to the closure

of premises or imposition of restrictions on persons entering or remaining inside premises.

The directions may be made or varied from the time this declaration is made and until such time as the declaration is revoked. The period beginning with the making of this declaration and the revoking of it is referred to as a “public health response period” in Schedule 22 to the Coronavirus Act 2020.

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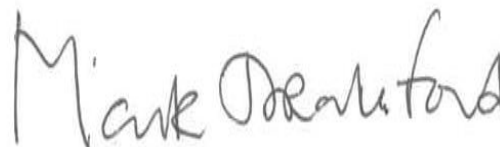
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Made

The Welsh Ministers, having consulted the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, declare under paragraph 26 of Schedule 22 to the Coronavirus Act 2020(1) that they are of the view that—

- (a) the incidence or transmission of coronavirus constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health in Wales, and
- (b) the powers conferred by Part 4 of Schedule 22 to the Coronavirus Act 2020 will be an effective means of—
 - (i) preventing, protecting against, delaying or otherwise controlling the incidence or transmission of coronavirus in Wales, and
 - (ii) facilitating the most appropriate deployment of medical and emergency personnel and resources in Wales.



Mark Drakeford
First Minister, one of the Welsh Ministers
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