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Dear Llywydd

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, I am notifying you that this statutory instrument will come into force less than 21 days after it has been laid. The Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Regulations is attached for your information.

These Regulations introduce further measures to protect public health, in the form of a pre-departure testing scheme, which will require all arrivals into Wales from outside the common travel area to possess notification of a negative coronavirus test. The Regulations also introduce a new requirement on operators of international passenger services arriving into Wales from outside the common travel area to ensure that passengers on such services possess notification of a negative test result, which it will be a criminal offence to breach.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows these Regulations to come into force at the earliest opportunity, and in view of the changing evidence on risk in relation to this disease this is considered necessary and justifiable in this case.

Due to the immediacy of the Regulations they have not been subject to consultation.

I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The script is cursive and fluid.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**  
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
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