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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 2 February concerning "Petition P-06-1260 - End the need for covid passes for all events and activities" sent to me as the Minister with lead responsibility for this area of policy.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) Regulations 2020 require a review of the coronavirus restrictions to be undertaken every three weeks. The most recent three week review was completed on 10 February.

Coronavirus is still prevalent across Wales – and the UK. Following our latest review Wales will remain at alert level zero but we can cautiously and gradually begin to relax some of the protections which we have in place as these are no longer proportionate to the level of risk we face.

We therefore intend to begin removing the restrictions, starting with the domestic Covid Pass over this three-week cycle, taking into account the public health situation.

From 18 February, all venues previously covered by the domestic Covid Pass regulations – large indoor and outdoor events, nightclubs, cinemas, theatres and concert halls – will no longer need to restrict entry to vaccinated individuals or those who have a negative test (or are medically exempt). Guidance will set out that venues can still choose to use the domestic Covid Pass on a voluntary basis as part of their coronavirus risk assessment and reasonable measures.

The international Covid Pass will continue to be integral to arrangements for safer international travel. Travellers will need to check the relevant countries' rules for entry, including any different requirements for children.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Further information about the measures in place to keep Wales safe are available on our [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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