

**Gold Command Decision Log – Decisions made in meetings held between 1 December 2021 and 31 December 2021**

255	02.12.21	<p>To agree to raise the risk assessment level for Schools to High (red) due to increased cases and the anticipated arrival of the Omicron variant.</p> <p>To agree that in line with Welsh Government guidance, Staff working in offices should undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device ('LFD') testing.</p> <p>To agree to allow the recommencement of Children's Winter Christmas activities for Foster Carers. The decision regarding recommencement of the Clustered Foster Carers meetings was deferred to the New Year due to the uncertainties of the new variant emerging.</p> <p>To reaffirm the decision that any period in a quarantine managed facility by Council Staff needs to be covered by either annual leave or unpaid leave.</p> <p>To agree that Staff not working with immunosuppressed and/or clinically extremely vulnerable service users are required to isolate until the outcome of the Day 2 Polymerase Chain Reaction ('PCR') test is known. If positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and take a follow-up PCR test. If the PCR test is negative Staff can return to work immediately.</p> <p>To agree that Staff who work in close contact with service users who are immunosuppressed and/or clinically extremely vulnerable are required to isolate until the outcome of the Day 2 PCR test is known. If positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and take a follow-up PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, Staff may return to work but must commit to undertaking daily LFD tests until day 10 and a Day 8 PCR test, all of which should be logged and reported on the relevant Gov.Uk website page.</p> <p>To agree that Staff who are not fully vaccinated are required to complete a traveller locator form, undertake a PCR test on the second day of their return to the UK, to self-isolate for up to 10 days and take a PCR test at day 8. Staff who are not fully vaccinated will be required to take either annual leave or unpaid leave for any work days during the 10 days self-isolation period.</p> <p>Agreed to sanction an increased offer regarding the annual rental negotiations for the Glan yr Afon storage site.</p>
256	07.12.21	<p>To agree that all Staff who are entering any work location should be asked to undertake twice weekly LFD testing.</p> <p>To endorse the decision taken last night to close a school for the remainder of this week due to lack of staffing capacity.</p> <p>To agree with the approach being taken to try and keep schools open until the end of term on the 21st of December</p>

		2021, dependent on case numbers and impact of new Omicron variant.
		To agree to allow two people (1 trainer and 1 x trainee) to access the offices in order to facilitate a training session.
257	09.12.21	Agreed that the increased offer was to be the highest and last offer for the storage facility in Glan yr Afon.
		To direct that the proposals to re-introduce further community support activities be deferred and re-presented to Gold Command in the first week of January 2022 due to current uncertainties around the Omicron variant.
		To agree to run a paid, targeted social media vaccine campaign to demonstrate the social benefits of being vaccinated in early 2022 in line with when 12-15 year olds are due to be vaccinated.
		To agree to ask some Staff to provide standby cover for staff testing referrals over the Christmas period.
258	10.12.21	To endorse the mitigation measures outlined by the CLO Schools & Culture for introduction in schools from next Monday, the 13th of December 2021 in line with the Very High measures recommended by Welsh Government.
		To endorse the mitigating measures outlined by the CLO Porth Cymorth Cynnar for introduction across Porth Cymorth Cynnar services in schools from next Tuesday, the 14th of December 2021.
259	14.12.21	To agree to move to a virtual learning model in schools from the 20th December 2021 for the remainder of term in order to protect frontline service delivery over the coming 3-4 weeks and try and ensure enough resilience in the system to cover the oncoming threat of the Omicron variant.
		To agree that any Staff from a Covid-19 positive household who usually work in the Office instead works from home for 10 days.
260	16.12.21	To agree to issue a press release for Tuesday 21st December 2021 regarding the completion of works at Plascrug and Cardigan Leisure Centres and Lampeter Swimming Pool. Also, due to serious concerns regarding the imminent spread of the Omicron virus, Gold Command were not able to confirm opening dates for any Council facilities in January 2022.
261	21.12.21	To agree to the Christmas Care Home visiting arrangements in line with Welsh Government guidance.
		To agree to reintroduce the previously agreed payment arrangements when learner transport provision is suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions.
262	23.12.21	To agree to adopt the national revised guidance regarding self-isolation as detailed in the latest Care Inspectorate Wales bulletin.

		To agree to arrange appointments for Members to visit Canolfan Rheidol to drop off their iPads and replace them with laptops.
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