

# MARTYN HOLLAND

## Notices to the community Nº 8

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I have received a number of e-mails from residents asking for clarity regarding which businesses should remain closed during the Coronavirus Crisis and which can remain open.

All Restaurants, public houses, wine bars, members clubs, cafes, canteens and any other drinking or food and drink establishments including public areas in hotels should  
**REMAIN CLOSED.**

- Hotels can remain open for critical workers or visitors who cannot return home due to overseas travel bans.
- All holiday businesses should remain closed unless they are being used on a temporary basis for critical workers. These can include holiday homes but when you are accommodating critical workers you must register with the local authority and the police may inspect these as a matter of course.

All retail businesses should remain closed with the notable exceptions of the following

- Supermarkets and other food shops, Medical services including Opticians, Dentists, etc., (*in the case of medical services such as opticians, dentists, it is important to note that many of these may only deal with emergencies and by prior appointment*).
- Pharmacies and Chemists, Petrol Stations, Bicycle Shops, Hardware Shops and Plant & Tool Hire, Veterinary Surgeries and Pet Shops, Corner Shops, Newsagents.
- Off-licenses, Laundrettes and Dry Cleaners, Post Offices (*as already reported local Post Office Outreach Services have been cancelled and the Ruthin Post Office is now opening on reduced hours*).
- Vehicle Rental Services, Car Garages and Repair Shops, (*some repair shops have closed including the Loggerheads repair unit*).
- Banks and Finance providers, Agricultural or Aqua-cultural Supplies Shops, Livestock Markets, Storage and Distribution Facilities and finally Stalls selling food at outdoor markets.
- Food delivery and takeaway businesses can remain open and established catering businesses can offer takeaways but they should contact their local authority if they have not provided this service in the past.

Businesses can diversify and offer services online, by telephone or by post.

Outside the retail sector the key thing to remember is that for most companies and organisations staff should work from home where practical. Obviously for those companies involved in manufacturing this is not an option and so employees would therefore be expected to travel to work. Under recent Welsh Government guidelines employers should now try to ensure that their staff work at least two metres apart.

Caravan Holiday Parks should remain closed to visitors but where people live permanently in caravan parks (*staff etc.*) or where they are staying as an interim abode while their primary residence is not available, they may continue to live on the sites.

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Trades people carrying out repairs and maintenance such as plumbers, electricians, etc, can continue to work provided that the tradesperson is well and has no Coronavirus symptoms

When working in another person's home they should take reasonable steps to ensure that a distance of two metres is kept between them and their customers at all times.

It is recommended that no work should be carried out in any household that is isolating or where a household member is on the official shielding list unless it is to rectify a risk to the household's safety (*emergency plumbing repairs etc.*).

Public Health Wales can offer advice to tradespeople or households in these circumstances.

I hope this helps to clarify the position but for further advice you should visit the Welsh Government Website and check the section entitled Coronavirus (COVID 19): Closure of businesses and premises or contact DCC.

Denbighshire County Council has now consolidated all the information relating to financial and general support for businesses on one website <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/business-support> or call 01824 706896.

Keep well.

*Regards,*

Martyn