

## **NFDA Coronavirus Briefing – 22.12.2021**

### **Changes to the COVID-19 self-isolation period: -**

#### **England**

The Government have said that people who receive negative Lateral Flow results on **day 6** and **day 7** of their self-isolation period – with tests taken 24 hours apart – will no longer have to self-isolate for the full **10 days**. The first test must be taken no earlier than **day 6** of the self-isolation period.

These changes will mean the following:

- Self-Isolation period for fully vaccinated individuals will reduce from **10 days** -> **7days**

There is **no change** to the guidance for **unvaccinated** contacts of positive COVID-19 cases, who are still required to self-isolate for **10 full days** after their date of exposure to the virus.

#### **Wales**

- Close contacts of people who have covid will no longer have to isolate provided they have been fully vaccinated

### **Welsh post-Christmas restrictions**

The Welsh Government has also announced that it will be going into a revised version of Alert Level Two from **Sunday 26 December** to respond to the new omicron variant and are designed to help keep businesses open and trading and protect customers and staff.

From **Boxing Day**, the alert level two measures will mean:

- A general requirement of 2m social distancing in all premises open to the public and workplaces, where reasonable.
- The rule of 6 will apply to gatherings in regulated premises, such as hospitality, cinemas and theatres.
- All licensed premises will need to take additional measures to protect customers and staff, including table service and collecting contact details.
- Face coverings will be required in hospitality settings at all times apart from when seated.
- Large events will not be allowed indoors or outdoors. The maximum number of people who can gather at an indoor event will be 30 and 50 outdoors.
- There will be an exception for team sports, up to 50 spectators will be able to gather, in addition to those taking part. There is also an exception for events involving children.

### **Fines within Welsh borders -**

The RMI/NFDA is seeking legal clarification on the Welsh Government's comments on fining people for not working from home where reasonably possible. We will publish further information on this in due course.