

Staff Headlines

2nd October 2020

Northern Ireland Executive Update

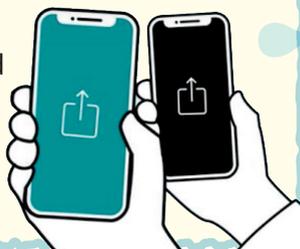
Building on the measures already in place, the Executive agreed last week that a closing time of 11.00pm should be applied to the hospitality sector.

This came into effect from midnight on Wednesday 30 September 2020, and applied to those parts of the hospitality sectors subject to current regulations, including pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes as well as hotel and guest house bars. No alcohol or food will be served after 10.30pm and all customers must leave by 11.00pm.

The Executive have advised that there are no exceptions to this, so weddings and other important social events will also be required to comply. You can read the latest announcement [here](#).

We can all help curb the spread of the virus by:

- maintaining social distancing;
- maintaining good hand and respiratory hygiene;
- wearing face coverings;
- Self-isolating immediately if we experience any symptoms, including a new persistent cough, a fever or a loss or change of smell or taste;
- Seeking a test if we experience any of these symptoms;
- downloading the [StopCovid NI app](#); and
- complying with the Government restrictions in place.



Covid-19 Testing

PHA have asked us to emphasise to schools that pupils and staff must only be advised to seek a COVID-19 test when they are symptomatic of the virus – that is a new continuous cough, a fever or a new loss of taste and/or smell. Early evidence from the Contact Tracing Service is that available testing capacity is being utilised to test many children and school staff who are showing no symptoms and in doing so make it more challenging for genuinely symptomatic individuals to access a test. **Tests must only be recommended for a staff member or pupil where they are clearly symptomatic or where PHA specifically recommend a test for any reason.**

Update to Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance for Schools & Educational Settings in Northern Ireland

Updated guidance on managing the impact of COVID-19 within schools is available on the Department of Education's website [here](#).

Healthy Eating Week

We are supporting British Nutrition Foundation (BNF) Healthy Eating Week which runs from 28th September - 4th October 2020.

The aim of the Week is to bring the UK together for a dedicated Week, focusing on key health messages and promoting healthy habits.

The Health and Wellbeing Team arranged a number of Nutrition Sessions provided by Jane McClenaghan, Vital Nutrition.

The live webinar sessions took place this week and Covered; Habits to support better sleep, Stress Less and Female Balance.



EA makes final in Digital Innovation Awards



'Digital Leaders100 Awards'

WE MADE THE TOP THREE

Well done to our Digital Transformation, Admissions, ICT and Communications Teams

We are delighted to be named as a top three finalist in the 'Digital Public Service Innovation of the Year Award' for our work on school admissions.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us. The awards, organised by Digital Leaders 100, celebrate businesses and organisations who champion and implement meaningful digital transformation.

A huge congratulations to our Digital Transformation, Admissions, ICT and Communications Teams who have worked so hard to bring about a modern, efficient digital facility for parents to apply online to schools/pre-school providers participating in the Pre-School Education Programme.

The overall winner will be announced on October 15th.

We want to hear from you

If you have any news or stories that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming edition of staff Headlines, email comms@eani.org.uk

