

## **Social Monitoring Report – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

- The majority of inbound messages to Welsh Government accounts were related to the firebreak regulations, in particular in relation to the announcement that England will enter a four-week lockdown on 5 November. Much of the discussion centred on what England's measures mean for Wales. There was also discussion about the economy, in particular the financial impact on businesses and employees of both the firebreak and England's lockdown, as well as testing.

### **Topic mentions in Wales:**

- **Firebreak** – The majority of messages were from individuals asking how the new measures set to come into force in England will affect the firebreak in Wales. There were some messages praising Welsh Government for acting sooner than England to introduce tight measures to control the virus, however some also suggested that Wales has not taken enough action in light of England's longer lockdown.
- **Economy** – Discussion again centred on what England's new lockdown will mean for Wales, particularly for Welsh businesses. Some were worried that English businesses being close will affect supply chains for Welsh businesses. Others also discussed the extension of the furlough scheme, as well as what help will be provided by Welsh Government to the tourism industry.
- **Testing** – There continues to be scepticism from some individuals regarding the way in which deaths from Covid-19 are recorded and reported. There were also a number of messages calling on Welsh Government to improve testing and tracing to avoid further lockdowns after the firebreak period ends.

### **Snapshot of other top issues**

#### **Firebreak**

If Boris Johnson calls a national lockdown as it now seems he will, will Wales be in that lockdown or do we still come out of firebreak on the 9th of November?

Welsh Government come on!!!! 2 weeks isn't long enough. You need to do the right thing and follow England now. After the firebreak we will be getting the English coming to Wales to use the shops/pubs etc open here

And our fire break lockdown is still ending on the 9th of November? Even though the figures are so high? What and everything will go back to "Normal" I really don't understand. Surely this situation needs to be monitored? I would get it if the cases were plummeting, but they aren't! They are still on the rise in Wales this has done nothing and has not been long enough!! England now in lockdown from the 5th Nov,