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Hi All,

Here's a summary of today's Coronavirus press conference with First Minister Mark Drakeford. His script is attached.

Questions

Q: This is particularly helpful for retailers who are out of town in fact the CEO of Sofa Sofa has called it a toothless decision to say that people can start visiting non-essential retailers if you're also going to keep stay local, given that the COVID alert level has been reduced for the UK as a whole, why not get rid of stay local now?

A: Stay local remains a very important part of our armoury against coronavirus here in Wales we are keen to bring it to an end in two weeks' time. But once we bring it to an end, then people in Wales will be able to travel where they like right across Wales, and that will mean that communities who have seen very few visitors will have to be prepared to welcome visitors again. And to do that safely without creating a different sort of public health difficulty. We need to give those authorities time to make those preparations. Simple things like public toilets will need to be reopened in our visitor economy. Car parks will be to be reopened. Our national parks need time to prepare, our local authorities need time to prepare. Our visitor attractions will need to reopen in ways where they are confident and the people who visit them are confident that all the measures are in place to safeguard the health and well-being of their staff, and of their customers. That will take a short period of time, two more weeks. In the meantime, non-essential retail will be able to open and for many non-essential retail outlets, there is an ample population within the two mile radius already. And our expectation from the sector is that they will build up the reopening of a sector over the next two to three weeks. So this is a powerful set of measures and a powerful set of signals that stay local message remains important here in Wales, Coronavirus is not over as we are learning today from outbreaks in North Wales, two more weeks. One last lap. We can do this together. And then, provided everything remains as we hope it will, we will be able to make that part of the coronavirus crisis, something behind us.

Q: Can I turn to test trace and protect which will be key. Now that you are stepping on the gas as it were in terms of opening up the speed of processing of tests is vital for this and the target is as many as possible, as many as possible processed within 24 hours yet, according to the figures, published by public health Wales the performance on that is the worst, it's ever been for population testing units. Fewer than half of results are coming back within 24 hours and there has been a week on week decline, every single week since the 26th of April. Do you accept that that is inadequate?

A: Well, we definitely accept that we need to do more and to do better. Actually, the system is still managing to process 9 out of 10 tests within 48 hours, despite the fact that many more tests are being done every week to sustain that performance when you've got more and more to do, is by itself I think commendable and you can be sure that the people who work in our system are working as hard as they can to turn the test results, around, as fast as they can. But we have a series of measures that we want to take know to improve the speed of the turnaround of tests because it is very important as part of the test trace protect system that will I feel confident lead to improvement in

the turnaround times, even while we go on extending the number of tests making more available, doing more to make sure that if there are local outbreaks of a disease where they're quickly we're on top of it quickly. And we can help people to put that right.

Q: I wonder if I could ask you for some more clarity on the five mile rule. I think you alluded to this in your answer to Felicity and if you can be explicit. Can you only go to shops within five miles of your home. And related to that, can you be fined if you breach the five mile rule at the moment the stay local rule is enforceable by fines, but with just two weeks to go and with a number of exemptions that you've mentioned, can you still be fined for breaching it?

A: So the five miles is advice, and not a rule. The rule is to stay local. And people have to interpret that rule in their own circumstances under very different geographies of Wales. That remains a rule or that remains in regulations that people must stay local for the next two weeks. There is a, an exemption that we are highlighting today, but if you need to make a visit for compassionate reasons beyond your locality, but that is allowable in Wales for the next two weeks, and hopefully on the sixth of July in two weeks' time, we will be able to lift this rule, all together. In the meantime, all the enforcement arrangements including fines of course do remain in place because these are regulations in Wales, stay local is not advice, it is a requirement. How do you know what is local, while the five mile distance is a rule of thumb, that's not in the regulations that's guidance for people to get a sense of what staying local might mean.

Q: You've given some indication to the tourism industry when they can think about reopening but not the hospitality industry, and it seems there's not much point in going somewhere to stay in some accommodation if pubs and restaurants in that area, aren't open. People within the sector, say that as a result of the lack of clarity from you on this today, thousands of jobs are now hanging by their fingertips. What can you say to them?

A: Well, first of all, I don't myself think at all, that there aren't very many good reasons for visiting the tourism economy in Wales, for all the things that it has to offer beyond hospitality. And it's just important to say again to people, there's only so much headroom we have at any one of these three week reviews. If we do more than we have announced today, the risk that the virus would spread in Wales again would be significant. And that's why we've gotten to the maximum of our capacity. And that does not include being able to say to hospitality that we are yet in a position where it can plan to reopen, we will use the three weeks to talk carefully with the hospitality industry, to see what prospects they may be beyond this three week review, but we've used every bit of headroom we have, to lift as many restrictions as we can, to give as many messages as we can to those parts of our economy that can safely reopen in the next three weeks, and the plan to do that beyond. Hospitality is not yet in that position. We will use the time to talk carefully with that industry, and when it is safe to do so. But not before we will have plans to reopen that part of our economy as well.

Q: I believe I'm right in saying that, Wales is now the only part of the UK where people living alone can't bubble up with another household indoors, and yet they will be able to take their chances with strangers in a que in a shopping centre so when will that change?

A: Well those two risks will be very, very different from one another. We, we looked carefully to see whether we could make a decision about extended household arrangements, as part of this review, as you will have seen there is a very comprehensive set of decisions and changes that we are introducing as from Monday and came to the conclusion at about the middle of last week that it simply wasn't possible to make a decision on extended households in the way that we wanted to do it in Wales, in a way where we have all the information, all the advice and to do it in an orderly way, it simply wasn't possible to do that, alongside everything else that I've announced today, but next week we will begin to get that advice. We will our minds will turn to that issue we don't have to wait for three weeks to make a change, we can make a change at any point in the three week cycle if we are in a position to do so. And there are a number of issues, which we are going to concentrate on from the start of next week, and bubbling extended household will be one of them.

Q: And so to clarify what you're saying there is within three weeks you could have something to announce bubbling up, and also a number of people have asked me about what you mean by compassionate grounds for travelling, more than five miles. Can you give us some more clarity about that and does that mean you could meet someone indoors or only outdoors?

A: Just to be clear, what I'm saying is we don't have to wait for three weeks to make a decision. So if we are able to make a decision on extended households before three weeks is up, we'll make that decision and announce it. On the compassionate point. As we move into the new world where there are fewer restrictions, we will have to rely more and more on people making sensible decisions for themselves but let me give you an example of what we mean and it's a live example from the postbag that I get so if someone writes to me and says, I have a relative that lives beyond my local area. They don't need food because the neighbour shops for them. They don't need medicines because the pharmacy delivers it to them, but they haven't seen anybody from their family for nearly three months. And that's having a really poor impact on the welfare and well-being. You will now be able to make a visit to that person, because that's a compassionate reason for doing so. And we will provide further guidance and people will have to come to judgments of their own. When you make that visit, it should be outside, it should be at a two metre distance it should observe all the rules that we have already set out, but for compassionate reasons, if you have someone who is in that position, whose well-being is suffering because of the impact of Corona virus, and you need to make a visit to them, you will be able to do that from Monday onwards.

Q: Just listening to your comments about the hospitality sector there. There are pubs restaurants, cafes, all over Wales desperate to know what it means for them. You said that, I think you said just now that discussions are going to take place, why haven't those discussions been taking place over the last few weeks. And isn't it fair to those and other businesses in Wales now to give them a clear indicative timetable of best case scenarios, worst case scenarios in order for them to plan financially for the next six months?

A: Andy coronavirus in Wales is not over, coronavirus is still there in every part of Wales and saying you must give people certainty in an inherently uncertain world where I do not know and you do not know, and that sector does not know what coronavirus will be doing in six weeks, let alone six months. That will be a very false certainty indeed. Of course we have had discussions with the sector over recent weeks and our conclusion is that we cannot include them within the package of measures that we have set out for the next three weeks, and for the three weeks. Beyond that, but we will continue to discuss with them. If for example, it is possible to reopen some parts of that industry in the outdoors. It may be possible to do that before we could open parts of that industry where people would be asked to congregate inside with all the additional risks. We know that would take place, but there are only so many steps you can take at any one time. If you are determined to do this as a we are in a careful cautious, or delete and considered way. I've not been able to say today to the hospitality industry that there are imminent plans for to reopen, but I have been able to give indications for non-domestic retail to the tourism sector to hairdressing and others. And that has used all the headroom we have so now if there's more headroom in future, we will be talking to the hospitality industry, about how it can safely reopen here in Wales.

Q: You've said, often that scientific evidence is guiding your strategy, and that science presumably is behind the current five mile limit. What would you say to those people in the more remote tourism areas of Wales, who might worry now about what happens when that five mile limit gets lifted. And what does the scientific evidence suggests might happen to the spread of the virus, when that happens?

A: So, ironically, some of the questions I've had to answer been on whether the five mile guidance is fair to rural Wales, but in many ways it regulation has been there to protect those parts of Wales that have had almost no coronavirus from visitors coming and bringing it with them. What the science tells us now is, is that the circulation of the virus in Wales has fallen to a point where the risk of that

happening is low enough for us to be able to move forward, it doesn't mean there's no risk at all. It can't mean that because the virus is still here in Wales, but whereas, at the height of the pandemic one in every thousand people in Wales was probably infectious. That's probably today as low as one in 10,000, or maybe lower than that, as well. But it's why I said in my introductory statement that the tourism industry must now use the next three weeks to work with those local communities. They will be visitors coming back and we want to welcome those visitors to Wales and local communities will have to be helped to feel confident that that is safe and right for them. And those many, many people from those local communities who work in the tourism economy will they'll be able to look forward to salvaging something from the tourism season here in Wales.

Q: Given all you've said before about taking courses steps, probably one thing at a time seen our effects, transmission rates before we move on to the next thing is this seeming flurry of changes, a sign of caving in to pressure from people who say you've been too slow so far to relax rules?

A: It's a balancing act. Isn't it all the time. You've already heard several of the questions I've been asked so far. This action has been critical of us not going far enough why aren't we doing more for this sector, why aren't we opening up more there, what we do every time is assess the headroom we have, How much can we afford to do. And then as you will have seen, we are following the World Health Organisation advice and using a step by step process. So we're not introducing, all those things on next Monday. We'll do one thing. On Monday, the 22nd we'll do schools on the 29th, and we will lift the stay local restrictions provided we are able to on the sixth of July. And I think that still demonstrates to people in Wales. But while we want to restore freedoms, as fast as we can. We are only going to do it in a way that remains. Careful, and organised to do it in that step by step way. And we think we've used the maximum we can, or the headroom we have at this moment, but by doing it in the way you were doing it. We think we are still remaining within the boundaries of safe public health practice.

Q: Yesterday a member of independent Sage said, Wales should be maximising its test capacity according to a clear strategy. Why we still not making more use of what's available to us. This approach appears to be a stark contrast to the World Health Organisation advice, which makes a big point about testing?

A: Well, you will know from those figures we have more tests available in Wales today than at any time during the pandemic and we will have more tests available again, beyond the 12,300 we have today and we're doing more tests every day. And we will certainly be doing more tests every day next week, again, we continue to focus on those areas of particular concern, such as care homes, but we also have to have capacity for testing within our test trace protect system, and we have local outbreaks of assault we have seen in North Wales in Anglesey and in Wrexham, and we have to have tests that we know we can use to deal with those local flare ups. So, again, it is one of those careful balancing act. We have to maintain, making sure we have capacity, directing our capacity where it will be most useful and retaining some headroom there too, so that if we suddenly need to do a lot more tests because there is a local flare up, we can be confident that we've got the resource to do that. The picture will continue to develop but I think we still have the balance we need here on the testing regime and we've had three very good weeks of our test trace protect system in Wales.

Q: You obviously considered bubbling up as a measure to introduce now but decided the time was not right. Can you outline what bubbling up and will look like in Wales when it is approved, and can you confirm that. When the restriction lifting is announced, creating social bubbles will be part of that those measures. And this would be a real source of reassurance for many people. And on top of that, can you give us an examples of the measures, you are considering ahead of the next round of lockdown?

A: I can't give you all the details because we haven't concluded the discussions and we haven't got all the advice that we need, but we will be looking carefully at the arrangements they have in England and the arrangements they've recently announced in Scotland, I had a very good discussion of this

with a Scottish First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon only on Wednesday of this week, but it's likely therefore to involve two households, a single household bubbling with another household, giving some relief to those people who have been particularly isolated as a result of the coronavirus restrictions. We will work through that with our chief medical officer and advisors next week and as soon as we're in a position to be able to provide details for people then that's what we will want to do. Looking ahead, as you said, so we've announced a whole plethora of things for the next three weeks, and we've given an indication to the tourism industry in particular, that effort should now be made to reopen self-contained accommodation carefully and safely as from the 13th of July. And we're also giving an indication to hairdressers, and people in similar occupations that they too should now think of the next three weeks, as time to think about how they can reopen, how they can do it safely. We'll be talking to the representative bodies in those sectors, you can't cut hair at a two metre distance. So they will have to be some careful safety precautions put in place, but if we can use these three weeks, productively to have those discussions. And if in three weeks' time. We continue to see a falling pattern of the circulation of the virus in Wales. We're giving a signal that that part of our economy could resume as well.

Q: Thank you so just as a point of clarification, and in three weeks' time if all goes well, hairdressers could be looking to reopen. And my second question, and England has a higher rate of coronavirus and Wales, would you ever restrict visitors coming into England from Wales and what about people going to visit family in England?

A: Well, I'm not attracted to the idea of border controls between Wales and England there are differences within England that are more significant than the differences between England and Wales, what we will all have to do as our economy and all society reopens on both sides of the border. But as people travel more the first thing they should ask themselves is my journey necessary, because the less you travel, the safer, you are and where you decide to travel because there's a good reason for doing so. Then you must make sure that you do that in a thoughtful way having prepared for it, having put the safety measures in place, behave sensibly and responsibly. When you arrive at your destination. And I've got you just as much confidence that people on the other side of our border think carefully about these things as I have about the wave they'll be thinking about these things in Wales and provided we go on doing it in that way. We will go on succeeding. If we all think it's all over. And we just pile back into doing things in the way we always did them, then we will be throwing away all the efforts that we've made together over the last three months and I don't think that individuals and communities across Wales will want to take that risk. So I'm sorry firstly it's just to clarify, it does have a significantly higher rate of coronavirus will that affect your ability to be able to control the virus here in Wales, where it will be a factor of course. But it's enough isn't it if they did, would it if we take all these factors into account, including what is happening along our border.

Q: Can I just pick up on a point that Will raised regarding people coming in to Wales, given where we are now in the year, and the season in which the tourism sector relies on, given what you've just said can you confidently say that Wales will be open to everyone, whether in Wales, or outside of Wales, before the summer is out?

A: Yes, I can say that because the minute we lift the stay local restrictions, then travel across Wales will not be restricted it will not be restricted for people who live in Wales, and it will not be restricted for people who visit Wales, either. You'll have seen today that the four chief medical officers have jointly lowered the alert level, at a UK level from four to three. And that's something that applies across the whole of the United Kingdom. So, if we're reopening our tourism economy to welcome people to Wales, that welcome must extend to everybody. Whether you're travelling as I know many people will inside Wales to holiday in Wales, or if you're deciding to make your holiday in Wales from outside.

Q: On Wednesday the Minister for international relations said that the Welsh Government, and I think you've said this previously as well, that the Welsh Government has been comparing notes on a fairly

regular basis where possible with other nations regarding the lifting of lockdown restrictions. Throughout this week Northern Ireland has set out quite a comprehensive roadmap out of lockdown with specific markers, all the way up until part of the end of August and amongst that is relaxing the two metre rule within schools down to one metre for children, and given what has been said about the transmission among children is this something that the Welsh Government is considering as a lever to try and fill up classrooms?

A: Well, just to be clear, we keep everything under review we've had very recent advice from our chief medical officer and our scientific group on the two metre rule. At this point in the progress of the disease, their advice remains to us, the two metre rule should be in place and when our schools resume on the 29th of June, it will be on the basis that the distance that people need to sustain between one another is two metres. Now, if the context changes. If a circulation of the virus continues to fall. It is just a lot less of it around in Wales, then that will make a difference to the advice that we get because the advice is always provided in the particular context of the time. And if the advice would change in future. Then the way we've tried to do this in Wales throughout the crisis is we follow the advice. The advice at the moment says to us two metres, is what we need and if you have the distance to one metre you double the risk. But if that changes in future because coronavirus has changed and its prevalence has changed. Then, we will change our policy as well.

Q: Can I just ask you about to start with the alert level in Wales, clearly It was safe to drop that today and to add your letter or your name as a nation to all the other nations of the UK.

A: Well, I don't have any direct say in that at all. Nor should die. It's done independently by the four chief medical officers. Actually it's very consistent with what we have announced today if you think we've had our traffic light system in place. Broadly speaking, our red zone has been level four on the UK scale. And as I've said we have moved broadly in many parts of the Welsh economy into the amber zone, and the amber zone is number three on the UK list so while I had no hand at all, and was simply informed after the decision had been taken by the chief medical officers to reduce the level at a UK scale to three. I'm not surprised by that and in many ways I'm heartened by the fact that what we are doing and what they are saying are very consistent with one another.

Q: Will you or other members of your cabinet given what you said today be booking hotels in Wales from to play or B and Bs or caravans or booking a holiday?

A: Well I'm certainly personally very much looking forward to being back in Pembrokeshire again. I haven't been able to visit West Wales, which is where I'm from, and where my family, many of them still live ever since coronavirus began. So if we are in a position to reopen the visitor economy, I can tell you, absolutely definitely when the chance arises. I hope to take advantage of it. And I'm quite sure that many of my company colleagues will as well.

Q: Would it be a sound decision, sorry to make those bookings?

A: There is an element of risk in it you can't escape that because you are making bookings ahead, and the decision on whether we can move in that direction. Cannot finally be made until closer to the time, but given what you will have seen on the slide that we put up earlier, the way in which absolutely consistently now admissions to hospital critical care beds, deaths every day, are all reducing. We can take some confidence that we are, you know, on top of the virus and provided we go on doing the right things we will stay that way. People have different levels of appetite for risk. And as I say, my own personal viewers, if we're if we're able to do so. I'm looking forward to it enormously.

Q: You've referred to the two confirmed flare ups in two factories in North Wales, at the location Wrexham and some staff previously walked out due to coronavirus health concerns more recent concerns have been published since. Are you aware of the previous concerns at the racks and sites, and are your officials investigating that. And finally, we'll be putting some teeth into the regulations or with proactive monitoring?

A: Yes, of course we are aware of the incidents back in April, when staff members drew attention to issues at the factory, I know that the police attended at the time and were satisfied with what they saw at the time with the Health and Safety Executive has been involved in the meantime and I spoke myself yesterday with unite to the union about their view of the position in North Wales. Of course we will now have people more directly involved in the outbreak in Wrexham, and we will learn more. As a result of the investigations that will be taken forward, whether we need to do more to toughen or enforce the two metre rule which is in our regulations here in Wales, and we've worked very hard with employers who want to make that work and work properly.

Q: Local authorities have had three weeks, perhaps more to prepare the public realm for Monday's possible shops reopening. Should councils be ready to play their part from Monday, or as a period of perhaps softer opening what you envisage?

A: Well, they certainly not had three days, have they roll they've had three weeks because I noticed it from this platform three weeks ago. Local authorities do have a part to play of course in making sure the public realm is ready. And one of the reasons why I think we will see a gradual reopening of non-essential retail in Wales is because in some parts of Wales, there is still some more to be done to make sure the public realm is safe and can support that reopening, but local authorities have a part to play. I've said before here that you know I think our local authorities have made an enormous contribution. Over the last three months, and there's a contribution for them to make now in making sure that non-essential retail can reopen can reopen it everywhere in Wales, and to do so in a way that is safe.

Q: Can I just move to a couple of questions please, unpaid family of working carers like everyone else are looking forward to getting out within their local area, but can't do that without being 100% sure that the essential respite care coming into their home is fully COVID-19 ready. What assurance can you give about the safety of these essential domestic support services?

A: Well, thank you, Tom and of course, it is an essential service for people who are 24 hour carers. And often, doing you know heroic stuff as a result, that for them to have a break, they need people to come in and provide respite care. We have worked very closely with domiciliary care services throughout the crisis we talked a lot about residential care services, don't we, but actually there is a huge army of people who provide care for people in their own homes including respite care us, and the provision of PPE and practice safe practice guidance has applied just as much to our domiciliary care staff as it has to people who work in the residential setting so I hope that where people have rest by carers coming into their homes, they will have talked carefully with them and the provider of that rest bite. Everything is in its place so that the worker is safe, and the family is safe and the person being looked after is safe and I think we've had some very successful and good practice developed here in Wales over the period of the crisis.

Q: Just follow that up is there any point of contact or department of government with the Welsh Government or local authority where you can actually check out a particular care provider in this context is to make sure they have the right provisions in place the provisions that you've just spoken?

A: Well the local authorities definitely the first port of call because very often the local authority will be commissioning that care for themselves and they will be in a direct relationship with the provider, even if it's an entirely private arrangement, it's very likely that that care provider will be known to the local authority, providing services for other people. So if you do have questions, and you do have concerns that you want to pursue your local authority Social Services Department would quite certainly be the first port of call.

Q: To touch upon something that is in the changes for Monday nonprofessional elite athletes, including Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls will be allowed to resume training. And to what level exactly is it elite is it only the really elite not professional and also, are they only going to be allowed to resume training outside or will they be allowed to train inside as well?

A: So there are 47 people in this category here in Wales so you can see that it is confined to the elite level and each one of those individuals has an individual plan agreed with a sports Council and their own governing body. That will differ from sport to sport as to the context under setting, but we are confident having disgusted with sport Wales, that all the arrangements are safely in place for those 47 people who compete Paralympic and Olympic athletes at that elite level that we can now allow them to go back to get on with the training and the necessary arrangements have been thought through and are in place for each of those 47 individuals.

Q: On the five mile a guideline. Again, with retail reopening from Monday and schools reopening in not too distant future as well before the stay local measure is lifted. What would your view be on the if employees of retail and shops decided that they didn't have to return to work because of this five mile message?

A: Well, the stay local rule has never applied to journeys to work. So there are many, many people who could go to work today in jobs that can't be done from home, who travel more than a five mile distance and that will be no different for people in the non-essential retail world, as you put up more of the economy more people will need to travel to work, and it's always been one of the exceptions to the rule when the rule was stay home and during the time that the rule has been stay local. You've always been able to go beyond that if you're travelling for work purposes. And that applies equally to the new sectors, we are opening up from Monday.

Q: You say continuously over the last few weeks that some local communities will be consulted in around Wales, before the tourism industries in those areas are about to get going again. If the local communities in these areas had sufficient opposition to tourism opening would you withdraw your proposals to reopen on July the ninth?

A: I think the way that that will have happened is through the discussions with local tourist providers, and it is a very important conversation and it is a conversation government can't have on their behalf. It's for the industry to engage with those local communities. Nothing would be worse for the reputation of the industry. And for us to say that, Wales is open and people are welcome to travel to find that they weren't welcome. When they got there. So I think this will be self-governing, in a way, it's people in those localities, that have to have the conversations. It's people in those communities who have to decide. Now that said, you know, there's a very good basis for that conversation because so many people who live in those communities are people who work in the tourism industry who rely for their livelihoods. On that industry so there's a very good basis for those conversations to happen. I spent a long time. On Thursday only yesterday in a conversation with representatives of the tourism industry and I know they are very sensitive and sensitised to this issue, and that they will be working hard to make those conversations happen.

Q: Tourism businesses in Gwent rely heavily on visitor centres, museums, castles opening. In particular, a lady who works in the sector in Monmouthshire has said to me that there is no point in her business which is self-contained tourism, in her business reopening if these aren't going to reopen beside it. And what do you say to them?

A: Well as, as I've tried to say, during the whole of this session, that there is a journey that we are on here. So, some of the sites will be reopening in Wales, outdoor museums will be able to reopen, Cadw will be working hard over the next three weeks to reopen sites where people see them in the outdoors. Not every attraction of that sort, is in the open air, and where there are indoor attractions that will take longer because the risk is greater. But we will see starting in this three week period. A reopening of those sorts of facilities as well because we know you know people come to Wales for a whole variety of reasons. And it's not always to do with being on the beach, it is seeing parts of the heritage that we have here in Wales, and on the journey that we are on to reopening our tourism, economy, we will be reopening those things that are safe, and we'll be safe in the next three weeks and then look to see, provided we do that successfully and safely. What we can build on further beyond it.

Q: So today with the news that non-essential businesses have this green lights to reopen, what can you say to those that live further than five miles from many areas shops and high streets, they want to support these small local businesses?

A: Well, as I've said, already and drew for many non-essential businesses they will be a big population within a five mile radius five miles in any direction. If you live beyond a five mile radius, you have to have one of the legitimate reasons for travelling beyond it. We've already made it clear that if you don't have a supermarket to buy food within a five mile radius, you can travel to it. You know, if you didn't have a pair of shoes. And you needed to travel more than five miles, that would be okay as well. People have just got to be sensible about it and use their judgement and know that if we continue to do that in two weeks' time, we'll be able to lift the stay local regulations, all together.

Thanks,

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