

- 1.9 There would also be a need to monitor the international situation, particularly the increased cases being reported in Spain, Germany and Belgium, and establish what had been the cause of the new outbreaks.
- 1.10 *In preparing for the next wave of the virus, it would be important to ensure that vulnerable people had their annual flu vaccinations. Consideration would need to be given to the groups captured by the programme in the context of the current pandemic, such as those from the BAME community.*

Officials to take into account comments made by Ministers

Item 2: Three week review of Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) Regulations – review of lockdown restrictions

- 2.1 The First Minister advised Cabinet that, as the CMO had indicated conditions were favourable to lift some further restrictions, the key messages for the press conference on Friday would relate to the re-opening of the economy. Some of the headroom would be used to allow further premises to open with the relevant mitigations to minimise the risk of transmission, along with ongoing actions to resume healthcare services.
- 2.2 The majority of the headroom would be used to gradually and cautiously relax some of the restrictions on people meeting each other.
- 2.3 It was recognised that the progress that had been made so far was heavily dependent on everyone following the guidance to maintain social distance rules. However, as there was likely to be a resurgence of the pandemic in the Autumn and Winter, businesses and other organisations that had reopened would need to follow the relevant guidance on social distancing and other mitigations. There would be a need to enforce those obligations and close premises that did not comply, in order to continue to protect those businesses and individuals that were adhering to the regulations.
- 2.4 The Government would make it clear in its communications that it would be enforcing these regulations *and ensure that the relevant authorities, such as Local Government, National Parks and the Police had the necessary powers. There would also be a need to capture data from the TUC hotline about any businesses or employers that were not following the requirements and pass it to the relevant enforcement authority.*
- 2.5 It was reported that the re-opening of the outdoor hospitality sector generally went well, with South Wales Police reporting only a small number of enforcement issues.