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| **TITLE**  | **Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)** |
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The World Health Organization has now declared the coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The UK has also confirmed its first cases of novel coronavirus – something UK Health Ministers, Chief Medical Officers, public health agencies and the NHS have been preparing for.

I have received the following latest advice from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales:

[https://gov.wales/coronavirus-2019-ncov](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fcoronavirus-2019-ncov&data=02%7C01%7CStephen.Barry%40gov.wales%7C74ed1c8a256a4a423fdd08d7a65c9af0%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637160788967706750&sdata=HAo%2BkWarZclL6lgKvEdcuOazdI%2BseQcx%2B%2BtpGJjRU%2Fk%3D&reserved=0)

I continue to work very closely with the other UK Health Ministers to protect the health of the public. I will provide AMs with a written update every Tuesday and more frequently if necessary.