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## *COVID-19 Team briefing for all volunteers and groups.*

*Wednesday January 2021*

### *In this week's briefing:*

- Lockdown 3
- Critical Worker Letter
- Coronavirus Guidance
- How to Wear Your Mask

### **Dear Volunteers & Community Group Friends,**

May we start by wishing you a **very happy new year**, we hope you managed to enjoy what was a very different Christmas. A special thank you to all of those who gave up their time (or offered to) to volunteer to help others during the festive season.

As you will be well aware, we have now entered a 3rd national lockdown. We were planning to be winding down over the next three months but instead we are standing them up again.

Unlike the second lockdown (but like the first) this lockdown sees the reintroduction of “shielding” for those who are extremely vulnerable and so we are expecting a lot of requests for medication collections and shopping from people for themselves.

As before, we will be working with local community and mutual aid groups (we currently have 223 registered with us) and volunteers (we currently have 3790 signed up).

It would help speed up our matching process if you could let us know if you are keen and eager to get started on your own. Please send us an email to [judyt@volunteercornwall.org.uk](mailto:judyt@volunteercornwall.org.uk) with the words **“READY TO GO”** in the subject line and your name and contact number in the message and we'll put you at the top of the list for contacting if we get referrals in your area.

This current lockdown is scheduled to run to mid-February so we will keep the situation under constant review and will be sending you email newsletters. If you need to contact us about any issues, the contact details for volunteers remain the same – [judyt@volunteercornwall.org.uk](mailto:judyt@volunteercornwall.org.uk) or call **01872 266993**.

Thank you again for all your kindness and support. Together we can and will beat the virus!

Andy Brelsford, Support & Development Manager / Embrace Care

**CRITICAL WORKER LETTER** As before we are providing you with a letter to use when you need to leave your volunteering activities and services during this lockdown period (this supersedes all other letters from us). <https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/component/phocadownload/category/30-covid?download=304:volunteer-cornwall-volunteer-letter-2021>

**Guidance – PLEASE REVIEW**

For the latest COVID Guidance please check out our website at <https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/coronav> the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

## Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own Updated 4 December 2020

### What a face covering is...

In the context of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, a face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth. You can buy reusable or single-use face coverings. You may also use a scarf, bandana, religious garment or hand-made cloth. It must securely fit round the side of the face.

Face coverings are not classified as PPE (personal protective equipment) which is used in a limited number of settings to protect wearers against hazards and risks, such as surgical masks or respirators used in medical and industrial settings.

Face coverings are instead largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection (COVID-19).  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>



## Mounts Bay Academy - Volunteers needed

**Please contact:** [enquiries@mountsbay.org](mailto:enquiries@mountsbay.org)

Mounts Bay Academy is looking for volunteers who might be able to offer a few hours to help with the Lateral Flow

There are a variety of roles needed with full training and the appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided. All volunteers have met our Safeguarding checks.

In challenging times like this, we all need to come together and if you feel that you might be able to help us in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: [enquiries@mountsbay.org](mailto:enquiries@mountsbay.org)

**Cornwall Community Accountancy Service (CCAS)** are in receipt of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to offer free financial advice to help Charities in Cornwall assess the financial impact of Coronavirus.

We are already working with over 75% of our target and we can offer individual support to eligible charities if we can be contacted by Friday 15th January 2021!

Completing our questionnaire is the starting point to unlocking free financial advice. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk>  
contact Sam Hosking on 07826457771 / email [accounts@cornwallcas.org.uk](mailto:accounts@cornwallcas.org.uk)

Have a great weekend and speak again soon. Thanks again

Kind regards,

Sam Hosking  
Charity Accountant  
07826457771

My working days are Wednesday – Friday

To unlock free financial advice please complete our Coronavirus Impact Questionnaire <https://cornwallcas.org.uk/>

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[www.volunteercornwall.org.uk](http://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk)

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