

Cervical Screening and COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

20th March 2020

Following the Welsh Government's announcement of plans to suspend non-urgent health appointments and procedures in order to redirect staff and resources to support the response to COVID-19; Welsh Government have agreed the recommendations of Public Health Wales to temporarily pause some of the population based screening programmes.

Therefore we will be pausing sending invitations and reminder letters for cervical screening at this time.

If you have been sent an invitation for screening and have not yet made an appointment:

Please do not try to make an appointment for cervical screening at this time. As a failsafe, we will send you further letter to make an appointment when we are able to offer cervical screening again. If you do not hear from us, please [contact](#) your local Cervical Screening Wales office.

If you already have an appointment made for cervical screening:

Please check with your GP or clinic whether they can still offer you an appointment.

If your appointment is cancelled please do not worry. As a failsafe, we will send you further letter to make an appointment when we are able to offer cervical screening again. If you do not hear from us, please [contact](#) your local Cervical Screening Wales office.

We are currently working on some frequently asked questions (FAQs) that we hope will be on the website shortly.

If you do have any concerns, you can [contact your local Cervical Screening Wales office](#) and speak with one of our lead nurses.

Cell changes on the cervix usually take many years to develop, so it is unlikely that a short delay in having a cervical screening test will cause any problems.

If you have any symptoms, such as: -

- Vaginal bleeding after sex, between periods or after the menopause
- Vaginal discharge that is not normal for you
- Persistent back or tummy pains, or pain during sex

please speak to someone at your GP surgery, even if you have had a normal screening test.

If you have a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature,
please follow the self-isolation guidance [here](#).