

Media Release

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Events and gatherings should be immediately cancelled following new positive cases

4 new positive cases of COVID-19 were confirmed yesterday evening in Guernsey. There is concern that it is not immediately clear how these 4 individuals contracted the virus, as none are directly from travel or the contacts of known cases or travellers. Contract tracing is continuing to determine whether there is a link between the cases and whether these cases are linked or this is as a result of wider community seeding.

The Director of Public Health is advising all those who were intending to hold gatherings and events of any kind to cancel them.

Beau Sejour, which was due to host the Dance Festival and other events today is being closed to the public with immediate effect.

Care homes and the hospital are being instructed not to allow any visitors as of now.

All Islanders are advised to adopt social distancing measures.

Supermarkets are being advised to reintroduce social distancing measures as quickly as possible and Islanders should follow that guidance for any essential shopping today.

The Civil Contingencies Authority is meeting today and Public Health are providing updates throughout the day to inform their decision-making.

The CCA will be holding an urgent live COVID-19 Press Briefing at 12noon today on the States of Guernsey Facebook page, gov.gg/coronavirus and local radio and updates will be provided throughout the day on social media and through the traditional media.

The advice to cancel events being held today is at this stage a precaution, however the Director of Public Health and the CCA do not want to see any unnecessary risks taken and would urge all Islanders to take this advice very seriously.

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