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Information Requested:

There is clearly a big difference in COVID-19 infection rates across Wales. Generally available statistics put the current rate of infection in Ceredigion at 42.5 cases per 100,000 whereas Carmarthenshire stands at 157.3 per 100,000 and Newport stands at 368.6 per 100,000.

Questions I have which it would be helpful if you could do you best in answering:

1. Assuming that current lock-down restrictions remain in place, what current estimates are available for when the peak in COVID-19 cases will occur in the different counties/regions in Wales.
2. Assuming that current lock-down restrictions remain in place, what estimates are available for the likely peak rate of COVID-19 infection in the different counties/regions of Wales (ideally in cases per 100,000).
3. In the case that lock-down restrictions are eased at the same time across Wales or the UK before some rural areas have peaked, what measures (if any) are likely to be in place to protect rural areas from a large increase in infection rates.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. The situation has moved on rapidly from 17 April to now and therefore making a response about historic modelling at that time is not only incorrect but also not of relevance at this point in time.

Secondly, Welsh Government have set up the Technical Advisory Cell, chaired by the Chief Scientific Advisor (health) to WG. This query and queries of such nature are best addressed to that group to get the information.

You can contact them here: TechnicalAdvisoryCell@gov.wales

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