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Dear Huw,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 19) and (No 20) Regulations 2021 and Written Statement.

I am writing in response to your letter of 8 November. In the Written Statement we used strong language to underline the importance of household contacts self-isolating, when a member of their household tests positive or has symptoms. This is because self-isolation is one of the most effective measures we have to help prevent onward transmission.

Our guidance and our communications aim to be clear that this is advice, rather than a legal requirement. The guidance on self-isolation states that people should self-isolate if someone in their household has symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus and they are fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 and take a PCR test.

We agree with the Committee that it's important that citizens understand their legal obligations and we make every effort to be clear about what is a legal requirement and what is recommendation or advice.

Yours sincerely,

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