



The Government of Sark

## **PANDEMIC EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

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Dear Sark residents,

Thank you all for your patience, understanding and cooperation today at the start of these unprecedented regulations. None of us, except perhaps those of us that lived through the occupation, will have experienced such a dramatic change to daily life as we are all currently experiencing. Today has proven how well our community comes together at difficult times. The Pandemic Emergency Committee and the Constables have greatly appreciated your assistance.

We are working on a comprehensive mail drop to be delivered before the end of the week which we hope will cover all of your questions and provide some further Sark specific explanations. For the moment please also see the guidelines from the States of Guernsey concerning critical businesses and workers which have been posted on the Chief Pleas website. Hopefully this gives some better explanation as to the Bailiwick wide regulations under which we are working. The Civil Contingency Authority which implemented these regulations covers the whole Bailiwick for a very good reason. In times of emergency such as these we must all share the same vital resources such as the Princess Elizabeth Hospital and therefore the measures must be consistent across the Bailiwick.

One of the biggest concerns for islanders when they cannot go about their daily work will be how they can pay for food and essential services. Some of us may struggle during the period of these regulations and we are working on measures with the Procurer to ensure that assistance is available to those that need it. Please bear with us on this – an announcement will be made very soon. In the meantime if anyone is in urgent need of food please contact Reverend David Stolton who is administering a food bank on 832040.

Also posted on the Chief Pleas website and Facebook pages are details on how Coronaviruses can spread via airborne droplets and by remaining live on different surfaces, sometimes for up to 5 days. This is one of the key factors behind the need to isolate ourselves from each other.

All key workers have now been contacted directly so if you are not one of these then please stay within your own households except for 2 hours of exercise per day. If you are outside please maintain the recommended **minimum 2 metre** separation. As stated there will be a more comprehensive mail drop sent out this week but in the meantime please adhere to the regulations and please keep **washing your hands** for your own health and the safety of all in our community.