# Executive approves new powers to protect the public

Sweeping new powers will come into force across Northern Ireland tonight at 11pm to combat the spread of Coronavirus.

# <u>Ministers urge companies and workers</u> <a href="mailto:to-put-safety-first">to-put safety first</a>

Economy Minister Diane Dodds and Health Minster Robin Swann today urged companies across Northern Ireland to prioritise the safety of their staff. They also reminded workers of their obligation to protect themselves and their co-workers during this crisis.

# Minister halts all routine farm inspections

All routine farm inspections will be paused until 30 April 2020, Minister Edwin Poots has confirmed.

#### PPE concerns heard loud and clear Health Minister

Health Minister Robin Swann has stressed that staff concerns on Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) are being treated extremely seriously.

#### <u>Dodds announces remote learning</u> <u>Assured Skills Academy</u>

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today announced a new FinTrU Assured Skills Academy delivering high quality training fully remotely.