Latest update on coronavirus (Covid-19)

As of 2pm on Sunday 22 March, testing has resulted in 20 new positive cases, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Northern Ireland to 128.

<u>Statement from Health Minister on</u> <u>COVID-19 response</u>

The letter clarifies that childcare — both day care and childminding — will continue in Northern Ireland to meet the needs of parents who are key workers and vulnerable children.

DAERA introduces new measures across forests and country parks in response to Covid-19

DAERA Minister Edwin Poots MLA has temporarily closed some public-facing facilities at DAERA-owned forests, country parks, nature reserves and fisheries offices until the end of May 2020.

<u>CAFRE ceases face-to-face delivery of all education programmes</u>

DAERA Minister Edwin Poots has announced that the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (CAFRE) is ceasing face-to-face delivery of all education programmes as part of the broader effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

<u>Visits suspended in Northern Ireland</u> <u>Prisons in response to Covid-19</u>

In consultation with the Justice Minister Naomi Long MLA, the Director General of the Northern Ireland Prison Service has announced that he has reluctantly taken the decision to suspend all visits to prisons from Monday 23 March.