

COVID-19 Advice & Support

Fortnightly Update – 14th September 2020

This update provides a summary of all the information and key developments relating to the workforce implications of COVID-19.



Sharing Information

We have attached the latest update compiled in conjunction with the other Regional Employers and the LGA. The content is based on developments up to and including Friday 11th September 2020. In this 17th issue, we cover:-

- COVID-19 Restrictions Update
- COVID-Secure marshals
- Environmental health officers recruitment
- Local Restrictions – Update
- Local lockdown: Vulnerable people and shielding
- Coronavirus testing guidance for employers
- Workforce COVID-19 Survey Update
- Testing demand and capacity update for Councils
- Stay alert and safe: social distancing guidance for young people
- Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection
- Personal protective equipment Portal update
- Face covering exemptions toolkit
- How to volunteer & help others safely guidance update
- Clear face masks for Care Workers
- Exit Payment Cap – Consultation Opens on Impact on LG
- BREXIT Preparedness Guidance
- LGA Kickstart Guidance – please also see overleaf EMC's offer to co-ordinate placements

We continue to meet with the LGA's workforce leads and our counterparts in other regions on a fortnightly basis. These meetings help to inform national guidance and support – if you have any issues you would like us to take forward, then please email Sam or Lisa.

Survey on Working from Home Allowances & Approaches

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to the survey we are conducting across all regions on allowances and approaches to working from home. If you have missed the email with the survey, then please contact Lisa Butterfill or Mila Pereira, and they will re-send the short survey to you for completion. The closing date is **18th September** and we look forward to providing you with the compiled results soon afterwards.

National COVID Workforce Survey and Results

Just a reminder to complete the latest national COVID workforce survey, for those who haven't done so yet. The deadline for completion is close of play tomorrow **Wednesday 16th September**.

The most recent report showing the latest summary results can be accessed [here](#).

Kickstart Scheme – EMC offer to Co-ordinate

The attached update provides information about the Kickstart scheme. This is one of the Government's approaches to help young people given the impact of COVID on the economy and employment opportunities by providing funding for work placements. To access the scheme, an organisation must offer 30 placements. As this will be a challenge for most councils, EMC is offering to co-ordinate placements so that councils as a collective can participate in the scheme. If you are interested in participating in this way, then please contact Suzanne Boulty at Suzanne.boulty@emcouncils.gov.uk or Sam at sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

We hope this update, providing a round-up of all recent COVID-19 guidance in one place is useful to you.

Contact Sam Maher and Lisa Butterfill at EMC with any workforce queries or issues relating to COVID-19 at:

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All guidance relating to COVID-19 can also be found by visiting our website: [Workforce Information - COVID-19](#)

