

# COVID-19 Advice & Support

Fortnightly Update – 28th 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. In this 18<sup>th</sup> issue, we cover:-

- COVID-19 National Restrictions Update
- Funding for Enforcing COVID-19 Rules
- NHS COVID-19 app launched
- Testing Priority List Published for Key Workers
- New package to support and enforce self-isolation
- Autumn Budget cancelled – Government Winter Economy Plan
- Adult Social Care Winter Plan
- Schools COVID-19 Update
- Personal Protective Equipment Update
- COVID-19 Workplace Guidance Updated
- EU transition Update
- Local Government Earnings Survey Published
- Standards for Employers of Social Workers Updated
- Workforce Race Equality Standard for social care staff employed in councils (**attached**)
- Quarantine - International travel Update
- Exit Payment Cap Webinar slides (**recording will be available early next week**)

**We continue to meet with the LGA's workforce leads and our counterparts in other regions on a fortnightly basis – our next meeting is 29 September. 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.**

## National COVID Workforce Survey and Results

The latest national Covid-19 workforce survey report for week ending 4th September has just been published and is available [here](#).

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 **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Survey on Working from Home Allowances & Approaches

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey conducted across all regions on allowances and approaches to working from home. We had a 73% response rate in our region and we look forward to providing you with the compiled results shortly.

---

**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:**

[sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk) and [lisa.butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.butterfill@emcouncils.gov.uk)

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