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Bracknell Forest self-isolation payment scheme

Bracknell Forest residents, like others countrywide, must self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 or risk breaking a new law, which came in to force on Monday, 28 September.

The law also applies to people who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive and has been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace/ Public Health England.



To ensure that people on a lower income and who cannot work from home are able to self-isolate, a payment of £500 is available via a Government package of support. To be eligible, residents must:

- Have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace on or after 28 September, 2020
- You are employed or self-employed;
- You are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result;
- You are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

The council's welfare and housing team has created an online application form for those who are eligible, which is available at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/testandtracepayments - payments from 28 September will be back-dated, where appropriate. Anyone who isn't able to access the internet can call 01344 352010.

Payment will be made directly to the recipient once the application is checked and supporting documents have been checked and verified.