

# Covid-19 Bulletin

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## **Furlough scheme extended until March 2021**

The Government has today [announced](#) that it is [extending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) until 31 March 2021 to support individuals and businesses who are impacted by Covid-19 this winter.

For claim periods running to January 2021, employees will receive 80% of their usual salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month. The government will review the policy in January to decide whether economic circumstances are improving enough to ask employers to contribute more.

The announcement comes after evidence from the first lockdown showed that the economic effects are much longer lasting for businesses than the duration of restrictions.

## **Self-Employment Income Support Scheme extended**

The Government has updated its [guidance on the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme](#) grant extension following today's announcement by the Chancellor.

## **NHS Test and Trace for employers**

Guidance on [NHS Test and Trace for employers, businesses and workers](#) has been updated to reflect that From Thursday 5 November employees will be legally required to work from home unless it is not reasonably possible to do so.

It is a legal requirement for employers to not knowingly allow an employee who has been told to self-isolate to come into work or work anywhere other than their own home for the duration of their self-isolation period. Failure to do so could result in a fine starting from £1,000.