

COVID-19: Immigration Health Surcharge – Published 01 October

Arrangements have now been put in place for any non-EEA nationals applying for a health and care visa to work in a health and social care setting to not have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge. This will apply in an eligible occupation. For more information, [click here](#) or take a look at our blog on the scheme within the Resource Centre.

COVID-19: Job Support Scheme Extended – Published 09 October

An extension to the job support scheme has taken place to support businesses required to close due to COVID-19 restrictions. The scheme comes into force on 01 November 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Local COVID-19 Alert Levels Guidance – Published 12 October

The government introduced a new local COVID-19 alert levels system in England. For more information, refer below or [click here](#).

COVID-19: NHS Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme – Published 12 October

A new scheme to support those who are required to self-isolate, on or after 28th September, has been launched. Those eligible, after meeting the criteria points, will be entitled to a £500 payment. For more information [click here](#) or refer to our leaflet on the payment scheme in the resource centre.

COVID-19: CQC to review the use of DNACPR during the pandemic – Published 12 October

A review into how Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation decisions were used during the pandemic is underway by the CQC. The review is expected to look at people's experiences and interim findings will be reported later this year with a final report due in early 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

UK Government – Local COVID-19 Alert levels

The new local COVID-19 alert levels have been introduced by the government to ensure the right levels of intervention are in the right places, in order to manage any outbreaks. Depending on the area where you live, work or travel to, this will determine what you can and cannot do.

An overview of some of the restrictions from each of the three alert levels are:

Local COVID-19 alert level: Medium

- You must not socialise in groups larger than 6, indoors or outdoors
- Face coverings must be worn where mandatory
- Social distancing rules must be followed
- You must work from home where you can
- When travelling, plan ahead and avoid busy times. Walk and cycle where you can

Local COVID-19 alert level: High

In addition to those restrictions under the medium alert level, you must:

- Not socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting (home or a public place)
- You must not socialise in groups of more than 6 outside, including in gardens

Local COVID-19 alert level: Very High

Restrictions may vary dependent upon discussions between central and local government, but could include the following:

- You must not socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, or in private gardens or outdoor hospitality settings
- You must not socialise in groups of more than 6 in outdoor public spaces
- You must aim to reduce the number of journeys made by travelling and avoid travelling outside of the area
- Avoid overnight stays in other parts of the UK

Policy Updates

In light of the recent government updates as detailed above, the Coronavirus Policy and Procedure has been updated to reflect the recent COVID-19 Alert Level guidance. All fact sheets and easy read documents have also been updated.