



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ81408

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Dear Mark,

I'm writing in response to WQ81408: How do people apply for the £500 test and trace support payment for people on low incomes who are required to self-isolate?

People on low incomes can apply to receive a £500 payment if they have tested positive for coronavirus or they are asked to self-isolate by the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

The payment is available to people on a low income who are unable to work from home and would lose income as a result of self-isolating. To be eligible, people must be self-isolating and in receipt of Universal Credit or another specified benefit or meet one of the discretionary criteria.

The final arrangements are being made for the Self-Isolation Payment scheme. People will be able to apply for the payments via their local authority website from 16 November.

Yours sincerely,

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