

CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME CHANGED TODAY. ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

LATEST ON THE BANHAM COVID OUTBREAK. MORE TESTING NOW AVAILABLE IN NORFOLK

From 1 September HMRC will only pay **70%** of usual wages up to £2,187.50 per month for the hours furloughed employees do not work. Here's an HMRC advice check list.

- Continue to pay your furloughed employees at least 80% of their usual wages for the hours they do not work, up to a cap of £2,500 per month. **You will have to fund the difference between this and the CJRS grant yourself.**
- The caps are proportional to the hours not worked. For example, if your employee is furloughed for half their usual hours in September, you are entitled to claim 70% of their usual wages for the hours they do not work up to £1,093.75 (50% of the £2,187.50 cap).
- Continue to pay furloughed employees' National Insurance and pension contributions from your own funds.

HMRC are keen to make sure you give them all the correct data and keep it up to date so there won't be mistakes. If you have problems the phone lines are there - but busy.

Guidance and live webinars are available to book online. They tell you the ins and outs of the scheme changes and how they will affect you. Go to GOV.UK and search 'help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus'.

THE BANHAM POULTRY COVID TESTING IS BEING STEPPED UP SAYS NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

- There have been 96 positive tests so far out of 477 tests carried out. There are more results to come.
- All staff at the plant must self isolate. Staff who have not tested positive must self isolate for 14 days and their households also must self isolate for 14 days. Staff who have tested positive must self isolate for 10 days and their households for 14 days.
- More mobile testing units are being brought into Norfolk, to offer testing to anyone connected to the Banham Poultry site
- As announced last Friday, staff who are self-isolating are being offered support from the Norfolk Assistance scheme which can provide food, medical supplies and hardship fund payments. Check out the link here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme> Phone 01603 223392.
- Contact tracing is taking place to alert anyone who might have been linked to Banham Poultry workers who have tested positive for Covid-19
- Anyone in Norfolk who is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms should book a test. See the details here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/

If you need to get information, advice or need to apply for loans from **Breckland District Council** here is the link: www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus

All Biz Buzz crisis updates are to be found on www.np4nb.online