# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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# You may be eligible for a one-off **$1,500 payment** to support Victorian workers.

## $1500 COVID-19 worker support payment

If you have been instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services to self-isolate or quarantine at home because you are either diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case, you may qualify for the $1500 COVID-19 worker support payment.

The requirement to self-isolate or quarantine at home can cause a financial burden for some people who are not earning money during this time.

Financial support during this time can help, making it easier for you to do the right thing and stay at home when diagnosed.

## Are you eligible for the COVID-19 worker support payment?

To be eligible for the payment, you must have been instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services to self-isolate or quarantine at home and be a worker who is:

- 17 years and over
- currently residing in Victoria (including people on Temporary Protection Visas and Temporary Working Visas 457 and 482)
- in continuing employment, (likely to have worked during the period of self-isolation or quarantine at home) and unable to work as a result of the requirement to self-isolate or quarantine at home

- not receiving any income, earnings or salary maintenance from their work as a result of not being able to work during the period of self-isolation or quarantine at home
- has exhausted sick leave entitlements (including any special pandemic leave)
- not receiving or eligible for the JobKeeper payment or other forms of Australian Government income support

**Workers are permanent, casual, part-time, fixed term, and self-employed.**

## How can I apply for a COVID-19 worker support payment?

The Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health team will contact you if you have been confirmed as a coronavirus (COVID-19) case. They will also contact you if you have been confirmed as a close contact of someone with coronavirus. They will assess if you are eligible over the phone and help you to apply.

To find out more go to **www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-worker-support-payment** or call the **coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398.**

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