

Advice if workers are requested to stay at home by their employer

Employers are requested to follow public health advice and should not ask staff to stay away from work except in accordance with this advice.

Where employers send staff home in circumstances where they are not advised to do so, it is expected that they will continue to pay staff as normal.

Any person who is not advised to self-isolate in accordance with the up-to-date guidelines of the HSE, but is requested to stay at home by their employer as a precaution against the spread of Covid-19 will, in situations where the employer cannot continue to pay their wages, be considered to have been **temporarily laid-off** and can apply for an income support in the form of a Jobseeker's Payment or Supplementary Welfare Allowance.