Coronavirus absence options.

Scenario	Options
Employee is sick	Personal leave (if available) or unpaid leave
Employee is not sick but must care for a member of their immediate family or household who is sick	Personal leave (if available) or unpaid leave
Employee is not sick but refuses to come to work because of risk of infection	 If no real risk of infection at work, unauthorised absence with no pay At your discretion, you may allow employee to take accrued leave (eg annual leave, long service leave) If no leave agreed and employee remains absent, contact Advice Team
Employee is not sick but cannot attend workplace because they are stuck overseas	Explore option to work remotely (if suitable) Otherwise, allow use of accrued annual leave or long service leave, or unpaid leave
Employee is not sick but is quarantined by health authorities in Government facility	 Explore option to work from quarantine (if suitable) Otherwise, allow use of accrued annual leave or long service leave, or unpaid leave
Employee is not sick but has self-isolated due to Government guidance	 Explore option to work remotely (eg from home, if suitable) Otherwise, allow use of accrued annual leave or long service leave, or unpaid leave
Employee is not sick, but employer requires employee to stay away as a precautionary measure	 Explore option to work remotely (eg from home, if suitable) Unless special circumstances existing, pay employee ordinary rate of pay for the shifts they would have done in that timeframe Contact Advice Team before proceeding
Employer temporarily closes workplace due to actual or suspected case of coronavirus	 Explore option to work remotely (eg from home, if suitable) If not an option, depending on the circumstances, you may be able to place employees on unpaid leave Contact Advice Team before proceeding

