

Federal, Provincial & Territorial Healthcare & Employment COVID-19 Information – Updated: March 19, 2020 –

Federal

[The Government of Canada’s dedicated Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) website](#) provides pertinent information regarding the pandemic and a virtual assistant function. Included on the website is [Canada’s Economic Response Plan](#) that outlines measures to mitigate economic hardship on Canadians and businesses as a result of COVID-19, including:

- Temporary income support for workers without paid sick leave.
- Income support for workers who lose their job or face reduced working hours.
- Providing eligible small employers a temporary wage subsidy for a period of three months.
- Allowing businesses to defer income tax payments until after August 31, 2020.
- The Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) to provide more than \$10 billion of additional support, largely targeted to small and medium-sized businesses.
- The Insured Mortgage Purchase Program (IMPP) of up to \$50 billion through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to provide long-term stable funding to banks and mortgage lenders, help facilitate continued lending to Canadian consumers and businesses, and add liquidity to Canada’s mortgage market. Details to lenders by CMHC later this week.

[Employment and Social Development Canada’s \(ESDC\) COVID-19 website](#) outlines the new labour market measures that were announced this week, including:

- Employment Insurance support actions.
- Federal occupational health and safety provisions.
- Work-Sharing Program temporary special measures to support employers and employees affected by the downturn in business caused by COVID-19

Provincial/Territorial

Dedicated COVID-19 websites outlining healthcare and employment provisions are as follows:

COVID-19 Website	Healthcare	Employment
Alberta	Self-Assessment Tool Health Link 811	Employment Standards Code changes allow full and part-time employees to take 14 days job-protected leave if required to self-isolate or caring for a child or dependent adult that is required to self-isolate.
British Columbia	Self-Assessment Tool BC Centre for Disease Control	No specific programs announced.
Manitoba	Self-Assessment Tool	No specific programs announced.
New Brunswick	Physicians may see their patients by phone or video chat for routine services.	No specific programs announced.

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Newfoundland & Labrador	Self-Assessment Tool	No specific programs announced.
Northwest Territories	N/A	No specific programs announced.
Nova Scotia	Self-Assessment Tool	No specific programs announced.
Nunavut	N/A	No specific programs announced.
Ontario	Self-Assessment Tool	Intends to introduce legislation that, if passed, would immediately provide job-protected leave to employees in isolation or quarantine, or those who need to be away from work to care for children because of school or daycare closures.
Prince Edward Island	Call 811 if you experience symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing \$25 million Emergency Contingency Fund • Establishing a toll-free number to assist employers in addressing their concerns and support needs. • Actively monitoring supply chain impacts. • Deferring all scheduled loan payments for clients of Finance PEI, Island Investment Development Inc., and the PEI Century Fund for the next 3 months. • Providing \$4.5 million to Community Business Development Corporations across the province to deliver financing to small business and entrepreneurs. • Temporary allowance of \$200 per week for anyone who has experienced a significant drop in their working hours.
Quebec	RAMQ will cover health services such as physician telephone consultations.	Quebec tax return deadline extended to June 1, 2020.
Saskatchewan	Self-Assessment Tool A new payment code for virtual care is available with physicians who offer that option, in addition to care by telephone.	Introduced amendments to The Saskatchewan Employment Act ensuring employees have access to job protected leaves during a public health emergency.
Yukon	N/A	No specific programs announced.