

Message from:



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“CAN-US Border is CLOSED” to non-essential travel.

Good Morning,

Many of you may have seen the announcement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this morning. The most significant development being the official closure of the CA-US border to non-essential travel. Beyond that, the PM also announced additional measures to support Canadian families and businesses during this difficult time. Below is a short summary of the announcement as well as some resources currently available to business. MCC will continue to monitor announcements from the federal government and will provide information on additional resources as they become available.

As of March 18, 2020: What is Federal Government doing?

BDC is offering access to loans and credit to assist businesses, and MCC is encouraging anyone interested to apply now.

Information is available here:

<https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/special-support.aspx>

Emergency Care Benefit

Canadians will be entitled to 14 weeks (at comparable amount as EI) for those who are ill, placed in quarantine or have to self isolate, and for those who have to take care of a family member with COVID and don't qualify for EI

Emergency Support Benefit – EI support for those who are self employed, those not eligible for EI

Temporary Wage Subsidy – Employers of small business may receive temporary salary help equal to 10% of an employees' salary for a period of three months to keep staff on payroll

\$55 Billion to Meet Liquidity needs through Tax Deferrals

Flexible arrangements for businesses trying to meet payment obligations to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Other

Other measures are being implemented for Canadian citizens including; Personal Tax

2020 Declaration – If taxes are owed, payment is deferred until August 2020 as well as additional measures for Parents with Young Children, Lower Income Canadians, Student Loans, Homelessness, Domestic or Gender-based Violence, and a First Nation Communities Support Fund

Resources for Business

We encourage members to explore two valuable resources at this time, including the Trade Commissioners webpage and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business is currently offering free resources (even to non-members). The CFIB webpage includes answers and links to popular frequently asked questions (see below);

Trade Commissioner

<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/campaign-campagne/ressources-entreprises-COVID-19-business-resources.aspx?lang=eng>

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

<https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/tools-resources/covid-19-coronavirus-business>

Frequently Asked Questions:

Business is slow and I don't have enough work for my employees. What can I do about this?

What if I decide to temporarily lay off my employees?

What is the work sharing program and how can I apply?

If my employees are laid off, can they work while receiving EI?

My employee cannot work because schools and daycares are closed. What should I do?

My employee is quarantined, will they be eligible for EI?

Am I obligated to put preventive measures in place?

What are the obligations of my employees?

Do I need a coronavirus sick policy?

My employee is invoking their "right to refuse" unsafe work – what do I do?

My employee just came back from a region with coronavirus. What should I do?

My employee has a vacation time booked to a place with confirmed cases of coronavirus, can I refuse to let them go?

My employees are taking business trips for work. Should I let them go?

The coronavirus has been confirmed in my community, what should I do?

Motor Coach Canada will continue to monitor the evolving situation and provide updates accordingly.

We are here to help you through this, please don't hesitate to reach out with your priorities that we can continue to be your voice to federal government.

