

RECOVERY: LINKS & ORGANIZATIONS

Here you will find links to information that will help you make decisions regarding the well-being of your business and staff. Also included here will be a list of local, provincial, and national organizations that will be providing resources and information during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

FEDERAL

Advance Payments Program: Step 1. What this program offers

The Advance Payments Program (APP) is a federal loan guarantee program that provides agriculture producers with easy access to low-interest cash advances.

CANADA'S COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

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Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses

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- *Support for Businesses include:*
- *Supporting Canadian Businesses Through the Canada Account*
- *Helping Businesses Keep Their Workers*
- *Flexibility for Businesses Filing Taxes*
- *Ensuring Businesses have Access to Credit*
- *Supporting Financial Market Liquidity*

Canada Summer Jobs - Overview

Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to support all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition in the labour market.

The Canada Summer Jobs program objectives align with the redesigned Youth Employment and Skills Strategy and are as follows:

- *provide quality work experiences for youth*
- *respond to national and local priorities to improve access to the labour market for youth who face unique barriers*
- *provide opportunities for youth to develop and improve their skills*

Coronavirus disease: COVID-19 - Government of Canada

The Canadian guide to the current situation, including information on outbreaks, epidemiological information, and Canada's response.

EI Sickness Benefits: What these benefits offer

Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits can provide you with up to 15 weeks of financial assistance if you cannot work for medical reasons. You could receive 55% of your earnings up to a maximum of \$573 a week.

Frequently Asked Questions - Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers

The Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers is a three-month measure that will allow eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Resources for Canadian Businesses

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Resources for Canadian businesses: COVID-19

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Supports for Businesses include:

- *Avoiding layoffs and rehiring employees*
- *Reducing and deferring payments*
- *Accessing credit*
- *Supporting financial stability*
- *Support for self-employed individuals*

Service Canada - Overview of the Work Share Program

Extending the Work-Sharing Program from 38 weeks to 76 weeks to help employers who are experiencing a downturn in business due to COVID-19, and their worker.

Western Economic Diversification Canada

The regional economic development agency can assist SMEs or organizations affected by the impact of COVID-19 with access to federal funding to help you stay in business, advice and pathfinding service to other federal programs and support.

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Regional Relief and Recovery Fund - Application Portal

The Government of Canada has made funds available to the CFs to provide support and assistance to SMEs through the rural stream of the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF).

PROVINCIAL

Alberta Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant

Funding for small- and medium-sized businesses, co-ops and non-profits impacted by COVID-19 to offset a portion of their relaunch costs.

Additional Financial Support for Albertans and Employers

This program is designed to give Albertans and Alberta employers additional supports as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

Includes:

- *Education property tax freeze*
- *Education property tax deferral for business*
- *WCB premiums deferral for private sector businesses and support for SMEs - Private sector employers can save money on their WCB premium payments at a time when they need it most. These actions ensure the sustainability of the workers' compensation system and that injured workers continue to receive the benefits and support they need to return to work.*
- *Additional measures to help families, students, and employers*

Alberta Biz Connect

With the province getting ready to relaunch the economy in some sectors, this link will provide guidance, answers and contact information for those in need.

Alberta Emergency Management Agency Unsolicited Offers Program

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency, under the authority of the Emergency Management Act, leads the coordination and co-operation of all organizations involved in emergencies and disasters.

This includes emergency and disaster prevention, preparedness, and response.

Chief Medical Officer Updates - Alberta

Daily updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

COVID-19 Alberta Relaunch Strategy

The plan and phases for opening up the province of Alberta

COVID-19 Case Modelling Projections

The government of Alberta projections for the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects on the province's residents and economy.

COVID-19 info for Albertans

Actions to protect Albertans and prevent the spread of novel coronavirus.

Includes information on:

- *Cases in Alberta*
- *Travel advice*
- *Help prevent the spread*
- *Isolation requirements*
- *Restrictions on gatherings and businesses*
- *Support for Albertans*
- *Support for employers and employees*
- *Essential services*
- *Chief Medical Officer Updates, Dr. Deena Hinshaw*

COVID-19 Support for Employees and Employers - Alberta

Measures to protect employers and employees from the economic disruption of COVID-19 and position Alberta for recovery.

The Alberta government will provide immediate funding and supportive measures to support local businesses, employers and employees.

Emergency Isolation Support

Financial support for working Albertans who are experiencing a loss of income resulting from self-isolation due to COVID-19.

Province of Alberta Tourism Levy

Information for temporary accommodation providers in Alberta about collecting and remitting the tourism levy.

Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant

The small and medium enterprise relaunch grant offers financial assistance to Alberta businesses, cooperatives and non-profit organizations that were ordered to close or curtail operations, and that experienced a revenue reduction of at least 50%, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Travel Alberta Industry Tool Kit

To make sure you have the resources you need to help manage the COVID-19 situation Travel Alberta has compiled resources and tools for you and your business.

Travel Alberta Cooperative Investment Program

Travel Alberta acknowledges the extraordinary circumstances and challenges that tourism businesses are dealing with in our province. The Cooperative Investment Program is to assist tourism operators and regions across Alberta to RESTART consumer marketing activities and aid in the development of traveller products, experiences, and packaging in a COVID-19 travel environment.

Workers Compensation Board Alberta - Employers Fact Sheet

In March 2020 the Alberta government announced new measures to provide immediate financial support to private sector employers during the COVID-19 outbreak:

- All private-sector employers will have their 2020 WCB premiums deferred to 2021.
- When we resume invoicing for 2020 premiums in 2021, small- and medium-sized private sector employers will have 50 percent of their 2020 premiums waived. Invoices for 2020 premiums have been stopped for the remainder of the year and WCB will refund employers who have already made payments towards their 2020 premiums. No interest charges will be applied for unpaid 2020 premiums

Given restrictions around certain businesses and workplace closures, what is considered an essential service? Alberta has implemented public health orders restricting certain businesses and workplace closures to protect Albertans' health and limit the spread of COVID-19. An extensive list outlining all non-essential retail businesses is available [Alberta Essential Services](#)

For those who are unsure if their business is considered essential after referring to this web page, contact biz.connect@gov.ab.ca.

Occupational Health and Safety and Employment Standards Newsletter

Monthly newsletter from OHS/ES with links to COVID-19 updates

MUNICIPAL

City of Lethbridge - COVID-19

This page will provide you with regular updates on what the City of Lethbridge is doing as well as reliable links to the latest health information.

Tourism Lethbridge Restart Plan

It will be crucial to focus our efforts on recovering the tourism industry in Lethbridge and Southern Alberta, as we rebuild and plan for the future. We have put together a key Phase II Plan to aid in these efforts based on Travel Alberta's 2020–22 Alberta Rebound Strategy to RESPOND, RESTART AND REBUILD.

Training Provider List - COVID-19

This list will help if you are looking for training options in the region

INDUSTRY

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CAI Global Impacts of COVID 19 Presentation

Economic and Industrial Impacts of the Coronavirus - May 27, 2020

Avail CPA - COVID-19 Response

This is a living document that is frequently updated to reflect the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Check back for updates.

BDC Continuity plan and templates for entrepreneurs

BDC has a guide for Business continuity plans and templates for entrepreneurs.

They also have a guide on [8 steps for planning your emergency and disaster plan](#).

BDO COVID-19 Resource Centre

BDO teams across the country are proactively engaged and rapidly monitoring new developments, providing guidance and support to clients wherever they need it, and responding accordingly.

Business Link-Mental Health Resources

Mental health resources for businesses and entrepreneurs.

COVID-19 First Nations Community Guide on Accessing Additional Supports

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is working closely with First Nation partners, the Public Health Agency of Canada, other departments such as Health Canada, Public Safety as well as provincial and territorial counterparts to protect the health and safety of First Nations and support First Nations communities in responding to the public health crisis resulting from the novel COVID-19.

COVID Continuity

Action for Leaders in Business

Helping understand the challenges and opportunities associated with running your business operations during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Legal Service Providers for Business Owners and Employees - COVID-19

Find legal advice as a business owner or employee regarding options surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mental Health and the COVID-19 pandemic

The situation is stressful for everyone and it is normal to be anxious and worried. This site is designed to provide information and suggestions about how best to cope with this difficult time.

PPE Procurement List Lethbridge Region

As regional businesses look to re-open, this list will help with obtaining PPE for their operations.

RBC - Canadian Government Economic Response to COVID-19

A navigation document to guide you through the measures taken by the Canadian Government to stabilize the economy and provide support for Canadian workers and businesses.

Recovery Readiness - Industrial Solutions

A detailed layout for recovery for Industrial companies courtesy of Cushman & Wakefield

Venture for Canada Internship Program

Imagine the power of smart, eager new hires ready for anything but who don't think they know everything. Take on post-secondary students and grads who commit to personal improvement even after they're hired.

What Canadian exporters need to know about the coronavirus COVID-19

To better understand the public health crisis affecting countries around the world and its impact on the global economy, here are some of the frequently asked questions about COVID-19.

ARTICLES

[A Guide to Managing Your \(Newly\) Remote Workers](#) ~ Harvard Business Review, March 18, 2020

[COVID-19 concerns and considerations for boards](#) ~ Institute of Corporate Directors, March 20, 2020

[How to manage business risk during the COVID-19 crisis](#) ~ EDC, March 18, 2020

[Making virtual business connections during a global health crisis](#) ~ EDC, March 23, 2020

[Support for small businesses facing COVID-19](#) ~ Prime Minister of Canada, March 27, 2020