

## Canada's Measures/Announcements in Response to COVID-19

Category	Measures	Description	Link(s)
<b>Fiscal Responses</b>	Immediate Support to Workers and Businesses	Increased from CAD\$ 27 billion to CAD\$52 Billion (announced March 25)	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html</a>
	Employment Insurance Sickness Benefits	The Government of Canada will waive, for a minimum of six months, the mandatory one-week waiting period for EI sickness benefits for workers in imposed quarantine or who have been directed to self-isolate (announced March 11). The Government of Canada will waive the requirement for a medical certificate to access EI sickness benefits (announced March 18).	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a>  Response Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a>
	EI Work Sharing Program	The Government of Canada will implement the EI Work Sharing Program, which provides EI benefits to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hour as a result of developments beyond the control of their employers, by extending the eligibility of such agreements to 76 weeks, easing eligibility requirements, and streamlining the application process (announced March 11).	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a>  Supporting: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a>
Emergency Loan Program for Canadians Abroad	To help these Canadians return home or cope with challenges they are facing while travelling, the Government has created the COVID-19 Emergency Loan Program for Canadians Abroad. The Program will provide the option of an emergency loan to Canadians in need of immediate financial assistance to help them return home or to temporarily cover their life-sustaining needs while they work toward their return (announced March 16).	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-to-provide-financial-assistance-to-canadians-abroad.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-to-provide-financial-assistance-to-canadians-abroad.html</a>	

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	Enhanced Child Care Benefit	To provide additional assistance to families with children by temporarily boosting Canada Child Benefit payments. This measure would deliver almost \$2 billion in extra support (announced March 18).	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response</p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
CERB		<p>Canada Emergency Response Benefit will help Canadian workers impacted by COVID-19 put food on the table and keep a roof over their head. The CERB will support Canadians who have lost their income because of COVID-19 by providing \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months. (announced April 1)</p> <p>The Canada Emergency Response Benefit replaces the Emergency Care Benefit and the Emergency Support Benefit announced on March 18, 2020.</p> <p>The Government of Canada is stepping up to better support those who need help but don't qualify for the CERB, and Canadians working in essential jobs who make less than they would if they received the benefit.</p> <p>To help more Canadians benefit from the CERB, the government will be changing the eligibility rules to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow people to earn up to \$1,000 per month while collecting the CERB.</li> <li>• Extend the CERB to seasonal workers who have exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to undertake their usual seasonal work as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.</li> </ul>	<p>March 18:</p> <p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response</p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p> <p>April 1:</p> <p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-launch-on-april-6.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-launch-on-april-6.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder:</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/backgrounder--canada-emergency-response-benefit.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/backgrounder--canada-emergency-response-benefit.html</a></p> <p>April 15:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend the CERB to workers who recently exhausted their EI regular benefits and are unable to find a job or return to work because of COVID-19. (announced April 15)</li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/15/prime-minister-announces-expanded-access-canada-emergency-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/15/prime-minister-announces-expanded-access-canada-emergency-response</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/expanding-access-to-the-canada-emergency-response-benefit-and-proposing-a-new-wage-boost-for-essential-workers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/expanding-access-to-the-canada-emergency-response-benefit-and-proposing-a-new-wage-boost-for-essential-workers.html</a></p>
	GST Credit	To provide additional assistance to individuals and families with low and modest incomes with a special top-up payment under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit. This measure would inject \$5.5 billion in the economy (announced March 18).	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response  Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
	Temporary Business Wage Subsidy	<p>To provide eligible small businesses a 10 per cent wage subsidy for the next 90 days, up to a maximum of \$1,375 per employee and \$25,000 per employer. Employers benefiting from this measure would include corporations eligible for the small business deduction, as well as not-for-profit organisations and charities (announced March 18).</p> <p>The Government is proposing to introduce a wage subsidy of 75 per cent for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, 2020. This measure, which is a part of the Government of Canada's <a href="#">COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</a>, would support businesses that are hardest hit by the COVID-19</p>	<p>March 18:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response  Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>

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		<p>pandemic and would help protect the jobs Canadians depend on during these difficult times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy would apply at a rate of 75 per cent of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week.</li> <li>The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020. Eligible employers who suffer a drop in gross revenues of at least 30 per cent in March, April or May, when compared to the same month in 2019, would be able to access the subsidy. (announced April 1)</li> </ul> <p>The Government provided further details on the eligibility criteria for businesses to access the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed CEWS would apply at a rate of 75 per cent of the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week, per employee. The program would be in place for a 12-week period, from March 15 to June 6, 2020. Employers of all sizes and across all sectors of the economy would be eligible, with certain exceptions including public sector entities.</li> <li>As well, the Government is proposing that employers eligible for the CEWS be entitled to receive a 100-per-cent refund for certain employer-paid contributions to Employment Insurance, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, and the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan. (announced April 8)</li> </ul>	<p>April 1:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-announces-details-of-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-to-help-businesses-keep-canadians-in-their-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-announces-details-of-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-to-help-businesses-keep-canadians-in-their-jobs.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a></p> <p>April 8:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-provides-further-flexibility-for-employers-to-access-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/additional-details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/additional-details-on-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a></p> <p>April 21:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html</a></p> <p>April 27:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-calculator-for-employers.html</a></p>

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		<p>The Government of Canada launched the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy calculator to support employers as they prepare to apply for the CEWS.</p> <p>The CEWS calculator can be found on CRA’s Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Web page. It includes detailed information and instructions about who can apply for the subsidy, how eligibility is assessed, and how the subsidy is calculated. (announced April 21)</p> <p>The Government of Canada launched <a href="#">the application process</a> for the CEWS. As of today, employers can apply for the CEWS. All claims that are approved through the CRA’s automated verification process will be sent for payment on May 5, so that payments being made through direct deposit should begin to appear in employers’ accounts as of May 7. The CRA has again partnered with financial institutions to enroll Canadian employers for direct deposit, and employers can now register business payroll accounts for direct deposit with the CRA through their bank portals. (announced April 27)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/government-of-canada-launches-applications-for-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html">agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-launches-applications-for-the-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-application.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2020/04/canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-application.html</a></p>
Lower Registered Retirement Income Fund Minimum Withdrawal Amounts		<p>To reduce minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25% for 2020 in recognition of volatile market conditions and their impact on many seniors’ retirement savings (announced March 18)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>

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	Flexibility for individual and corporate taxpayers (tax payment deferral until September)	To extend the tax filing deadline for individuals to June 1, and allow all taxpayers to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020. This relief would apply to tax balances due, as well as instalments, under Part I of the <i>Income Tax Act</i> . No interest or penalties will accumulate on these amounts during this period (announced on March 18). To allow all businesses to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020. This relief would apply to tax balances due, as well as instalments, under Part I of the <i>Income Tax Act</i> . No interest or penalties will accumulate on these amounts during this period (announced March 18).	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response</p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
	Canada Account	To provide flexibility on the Canada Account limit, to allow the Government to provide additional support to Canadian businesses, when deemed to be in the national interest, to deal with exceptional circumstances. This will allow the government to provide additional support to Canadian companies through loans, guarantees or insurance policies during these challenging times (announced March 18).	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>Response</p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
	Relief for federally regulated pension plan sponsors	Due to the pandemic's effects on the economy, some federally regulated pension plan sponsors are facing significant financial constraints, which are creating short-term liquidity issues and, in some cases, threatening the long-term viability of their business. To help address these issues, the Government of Canada will provide immediate, temporary relief to sponsors of federally regulated, defined benefit pension plans. This relief will be in the form of a moratorium, through the remainder of 2020, on	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/government-announces-relief-for-federally-regulated-pension-plan-sponsors.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/04/government-announces-relief-for-federally-regulated-pension-plan-sponsors.html</a></p>

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		<p>solvency payment requirements for defined benefit plans. (announced April 15)</p>	
	<p>Canada Student Loan Payments</p>	<p>The Government of Canada will place a six-month interest-free moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans for all individuals currently in the process of repaying these loans (announced March 18).</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through-response</a>            Response            Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
	<p>Temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program</p>	<p>The Government of Canada announced temporary changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program that will help employers hire summer staff and provide young Canadians access to the jobs they need during this unprecedented time. This program will help create up to 70,000 jobs for youth between 15 and 30 years of age. (announced April 8)</p> <p>The temporary changes to the program for this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an increase to the wage subsidy, so that private and public sector employers can also receive up to 100 per cent of the provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage for each employee</li> <li>• an extension to the end date for employment to February 28, 2021</li> <li>• allowing employers to adapt their projects and job activities to support essential services</li> <li>• allowing employers to hire staff on a part-time basis</li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/08/changes-canada-summer-jobs-program-help-businesses-and-young">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/08/changes-canada-summer-jobs-program-help-businesses-and-young</a></p>

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Support to Youth/Students	Canada emergency Student Benefit	The Government of Canada announced the Emergency Student Benefit, which would provide support to students and new graduates who are not eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit. This benefit would provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students or \$1,750 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities. The benefit would be available from May to August 2020. (announced April 22)	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19</a> Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a>
	Canada Student Service Grant	The Government of Canada announced the new Canada Student Service Grant, which will help students gain valuable work experience and skills while they help their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the new Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall. (announced April 22)	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19</a> Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a>
	Expansion of existing federal employment, skills development, and youth programming	The Government of Canada will expand existing federal employment, skills development, and youth programming to create up to 116,000 jobs, placements, and other training opportunities to help students find employment and develop valuable skills this summer and over the coming months. In addition, to help students continue their studies in the fall, the government will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• double the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time students to up to \$6,000 and up to \$3,600 for part-time students in 2020-21. The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents would also be doubled.</li> <li>• broaden eligibility for student financial assistance by removing the expected student's and spouse's contributions in 2020-21, in recognition that many</li> </ul>	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/22/support-students-and-new-grads-affected-covid-19</a> Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a>



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		<p>students and families will struggle to save for school this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance the Canada Student Loans Program by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided to a student in 2020-21 from \$210 to \$350.</li> <li>• increase existing distinctions-based support for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation students pursuing post-secondary education by providing an additional \$75.2 million in 2020-21.</li> <li>• extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplement existing federal research grants, to support students and post-doctoral fellows, by providing \$291.6 million to the federal granting councils. In addition, the government intends to enhance work opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the National Research Council of Canada. (announced April 22)</li> </ul>	
	<p>Support to International Students working in essential services</p>	<p>The government of Canada announced it will remove the restriction that allows international students to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods.</p> <p>Thousands of international students are studying in health- and emergency service-related programs, including many who are nearly fully trained and ready to graduate. This temporary rule change provides health-care facilities with access to additional well-trained workers at a time when they are badly needed. (announced April 22)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/04/removing-barriers-for-international-students-working-in-essential-services-to-fight-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2020/04/removing-barriers-for-international-students-working-in-essential-services-to-fight-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-students-and-recent-graduates-impacted-by-covid-19.html</a></p>

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<b>CRA Measures for Individuals and Businesses</b>	Administrative tax measures & Information returns	<p>In addition to the income tax filing and payment deadline extensions (announced March 18), unless otherwise noted, administrative income tax actions required of taxpayers by the CRA that are due after March 18, 2020, can be deferred to June 1, 2020. These administrative income tax actions include returns, elections, designations and information requests. Payroll deductions payments and all related activities are excluded. (announced March 27)</p> <p>Trusts, Partnerships and NR4 Information Returns: The deadlines for trusts, partnership and NR4 information returns are all extended to May 1, 2020. This is due to administrative requirements in advance of the June 1, 2020 deadline for filing individual income tax and benefit returns. (announced March 27)</p>	<p>March 18:  Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html</a></p>
	Deadlines for charities	CRA is extending the filing deadline to December 31, 2020, for all charities with a Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return due between March 18, 2020 and December 31, 2020. This will allow charities more time to complete and submit their T3010. (announced March 27)	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
	Suspending audit activities	CRA will not initiate contact with taxpayers for audits, with certain exceptions, This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no new audits being launched, and</li> <li>• no requests for information related to existing audits. (announced March 27)</li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>

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	Suspending collections on new debt	Collections activities on new debts will be suspended until further notice, and flexible payment arrangements will be available. (announced March 27)	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a>  Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a>
	Taxpayer relief requests	Taxpayers who are unable to file a return or make a payment by the tax-filing and payment deadlines because of COVID-19 can request the cancellation of penalty and interest charged to their account. Penalties and interest will not be charged if the new deadlines that the government has announced to tax-filing and payments are met. (announced March 27)	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a>  Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a>
<b>Charities and Non-profit Organizations</b>	Emergency Community Support Fund	<p>The Government of Canada announced an investment of \$350 million to support vulnerable Canadians through charities and non-profit organizations that deliver essential services to those in need. The Government of Canada will provide additional support to charities and non-profit organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund.</p> <p>The investment will flow through national organizations that have the ability to get funds quickly to local organizations that serve vulnerable populations. It will support a variety of activities.</p> <p>The Emergency Community Support Fund will provide funding to national intermediaries with networks across the country,</p>	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/21/prime-minister-announces-further-support-help-canadians-need">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/21/prime-minister-announces-further-support-help-canadians-need</a>

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		<p>including United Way Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Community Foundations of Canada.</p> <p>These partners will disburse funds to local community-based organizations working with vulnerable populations, including seniors, persons with disabilities, members of LGBTQ2 communities, veterans, newcomers, women, children and youth, and members of Indigenous communities and racialized communities, such as Black Canadians. (announced April 21)</p>	
Monetary Policy Responses	Policy Rate Reduction - March 4	The Bank of Canada lowered its target for the overnight rate by 50 basis points to 1 ¼ percent on March 4.	NR: <a href="https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/fad-press-release-2020-03-04/">https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/fad-press-release-2020-03-04/</a>
	Policy Rate Reduction - March 13	The Bank of Canada lowered its target for the overnight rate by 50 basis points to ¾ of a percent on March 13.	NR: <a href="https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/bank-of-canada-lowers-overnight-rate-target-to-%c2%be-percent/">https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/bank-of-canada-lowers-overnight-rate-target-to-%c2%be-percent/</a>
	Policy Rate Reduction - March 27	The Bank of Canada lowered its target for the overnight rate by 50 basis points to 1/4 of a percent on March 27.	NR: <a href="https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/press-release-2020-03-27/">https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/press-release-2020-03-27/</a>
Credit Market Responses	Expansion of Bond Buyback Program and Term Repo Operations	The Bank of Canada announced the expansion of its bond buyback program and term repo operations in order to support the continuous functioning of financial markets through the provision of liquidity. This includes temporarily adding \$7 billion in new term repo operations to proactively support interbank funding (announced March 12).	Notice: <a href="https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/expansion-bond-buyback-term-repo/">https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/expansion-bond-buyback-term-repo/</a>
	Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)	The Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) will allow the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and Export Development Canada (EDC) to provide more than \$10 billion of additional support, largely targeted to small and medium-sized businesses. BDC and EDC are cooperating with private sector lenders to coordinate on credit solutions for individual	March 13: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canada-outlines-measures-to-support-the-economy-and-the-financial-sector.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/canada-outlines-measures-to-support-the-economy-and-the-financial-sector.html</a>

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	through BDC and EDC	<p>businesses, including in sectors such as oil and gas, air transportation and tourism. The near term credit available to farmers and the agri-food sector will also be increased through Farm Credit Canada (announced March 13).</p> <p>The Government of Canada will expand eligibility for the new Business Credit Availability Program announced on March 13, 2020, to help Canadian businesses get the financing they need during this period of uncertainty. The support will be available to medium-sized businesses with larger financing needs, beginning with companies in Canada's energy sector, to help them maintain operations and keep their employees on the job. (announced April 17)</p>	<p>April 17: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>
	Bankers' Acceptance Purchase Facility	<p>The Bank of Canada announced its intention to launch a new Bankers' Acceptance Purchase Facility, to support a key funding market for small- and medium-size businesses at a time when they may have increased funding needs and credit conditions are tightening. (announced March 13)</p>	<p>Notice: <a href="https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/bankers-acceptance-purchase-facility/">https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2020/03/bankers-acceptance-purchase-facility/</a></p>
	Domestic Stability Buffer	<p>The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), Canada's regulator of financial institutions, lowered the domestic stability buffer requirement to 1% (from 2.25%) to support in excess of \$300 billion of lending capacity by the major banks. (announced March 13)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/Eng/osfi-bsif/med/Pages/nr_20200313.aspx">https://www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/Eng/osfi-bsif/med/Pages/nr_20200313.aspx</a></p>
	Insured Mortgage Purchase Program	<p>To purchase up to \$50 billion of insured mortgage pools through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). As announced on March 16, this will provide stable funding to banks and mortgage lenders and support continued lending to Canadian businesses and consumers. CMHC stands ready to further support liquidity and the stability of the financial markets through its mortgage funding programs as necessary. The Government will enable these measures by raising CMHC's legislative limits to guarantee securities and insure mortgages by \$150 billion each. (announced March 16)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/measures-support-continued-lending-canadian-consumers-businesses">https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/media-newsroom/news-releases/2020/measures-support-continued-lending-canadian-consumers-businesses</a></p>

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	Farm Credit Canada	<p>Farm Credit Canada will receive support from the Government of Canada that will allow for an additional \$5 billion in lending capacity to producers, agribusinesses, and food processors (announced March 23).</p> <p>All eligible farmers who have an outstanding Advance Payments Program (APP) loan due on or before April 30 will receive a Stay of Default, allowing them an additional six months to repay the loan (announced March 23). This important measure, which represents \$173 million in deferred loans, will help keep more money in farmers' pockets during these critical months. The Stay of Default will also provide farmers the flexibility they need to manage their cashflow when facing lower prices or reduced marketing opportunities. Applicable farmers who still have interest-free loans outstanding will have the opportunity to apply for an additional \$100,000 interest-free portion for 2020-2021, as long as their total APP advances remain under the \$1 million cap (announced March 23).</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses</a></p> <p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/prime-minister-announces-support-farmers-and-agri-food-businesses</a></p>
Advanced Payments Program (APP)			
	Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments	<p>In order to provide support for Canadian businesses during these unprecedented economic times, the Government is deferring Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) remittances and customs duty payments to June 30, 2020. This measure could provide up to \$30 billion in cash flow or liquidity assistance for Canadian businesses and self-employed individuals over the next three months. (announced March 27)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
GST/HST Remittance Deferral		<p>To support Canadian businesses in the current extraordinary circumstances, the Minister of National Revenue will extend until June 30, 2020 the time that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly filers have to remit amounts collected for the February, March and April 2020 reporting periods;</li> <li>• Quarterly filers have to remit amounts collected for the January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 reporting period; and</li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-</a></p>

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Support to Small Businesses		<p>• Annual filers, whose GST/HST return or instalment are due in March, April or May 2020, have to remit amounts collected and owing for their previous fiscal year and instalments of GST/HST in respect of the filer's current fiscal year. (announced March 27)</p>	<p><a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
	<p>Deferral of Customs Duty and Sales Tax for Importers</p>	<p>Typically, payments owing for customs duties and the GST on imports are due before the first day of the month following the month in which the Statements of Accounts are issued. Under this authority, payment deadlines for statements of accounts for March, April, and May are being deferred to June 30, 2020. (announced March 27)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
	<p>Expansion of CEBA and Introduction on CECRA</p>	<p>The Government of Canada announced new measures to support Canadian businesses so they can keep their doors open and their employees on the job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) to businesses that paid between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019. This new range will replace the previous one of between \$50,000 and \$1 million, and will help address the challenges faced by small businesses to cover non-deferrable operating costs. Since the launch of the CEBA on April 9, 2020, more than 195,000 loans have been approved by financial institutions, extending more than \$7.5 billion in credit to small businesses.</li> <li>Announcing its intent to introduce the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses. The program will seek to provide loans, including forgivable loans, to commercial property owners who in turn will lower or forgo the rent of small</li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/16/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-small-businesses">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/16/prime-minister-announces-additional-support-small-businesses</a></p>

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		<p>businesses for the months of April (retroactive), May, and June.</p> <p>These measures are part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, which has committed more than \$107 billion in support to Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of the pandemic. (announced April 16)</p>	
	Support through RDAs	The Government announced \$675 million to give financing support to small and medium-sized businesses that are unable to access the government's existing COVID-19 support measures, through Canada's Regional Development Agencies. (announced April 17)	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>
	Support Rural Businesses	\$287 million to support rural businesses and communities, including by providing them with much-needed access to capital through the Community Futures Network. (announced April 17)	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>
	Support to Futurpreneur	\$20.1 million in support for Futurpreneur Canada to continue to support young entrepreneurs across Canada who are facing challenges due to COVID-19. The funding will allow Futurpreneur Canada to provide payment relief for its clients for up to 12 months. (announced April 17)	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>



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		<p>The Government of Canada is taking action to make sure that Indigenous business owners have access to the support they need to get through this crisis, by announcing up to \$306.8 million in funding to help small and medium-sized Indigenous businesses, and to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses.</p> <p>The funding will allow for short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions through Aboriginal Financial Institutions, which offer financing and business support services to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis businesses. These measures will help 6,000 Indigenous-owned businesses get through these difficult times. This announcement is part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. (announced April 18)</p>	<p><a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses">economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p> <p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/18/prime-minister-announces-support-indigenous-businesses</a></p>
	Supporting Indigenous businesses	<p>Support for Indigenous businesses</p>	<p>ONTARIO: April 17: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>April 24: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-invest-25-million-to-grow-agri-food-e-business-during-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-invest-25-million-to-grow-agri-food-e-business-during-covid-19.html</a></p>
	Supporting Agriculture	<p>ONTARIO: The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1 million in new funding to connect workers with in-demand jobs in the agri-food sector to keep the nation's supply chains strong and store shelves stocked during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership), the federal and provincial governments will provide support that will help people connect with job opportunities in the sector quickly. This program would help primary agriculture, food processing companies and grocery retail to recruit and train workers who are important to keeping the essential food supply chain functioning. This targeted intake will begin accepting applications on April 17, 2020. Eligible applications will be</p>	<p>ONTARIO: April 17: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/canada-and-ontario-supporting-agri-food-sector-supply-chain-during-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>April 24: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-invest-25-million-to-grow-agri-food-e-business-during-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-invest-25-million-to-grow-agri-food-e-business-during-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>SASKATCHEWAN: April 24:</p>

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		<p>received and assessed on a continuous basis, while funding is available. (announced April 17)</p> <p>The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$2.5 million to help the agri-food sector expand online, providing more opportunities for producers to grow their business and offer more food choices for families who are shopping from home during the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding is being provided through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. (announced April 24)</p> <p><b>SASKATCHEWAN:</b> The federal and provincial governments have agreed to increase the 2020 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for Saskatchewan producers.</p> <p>Interim benefits can provide producers with a portion of their final AgriStability benefit early, to help support losses and cover costs. With this increase, Saskatchewan producers can apply for an interim benefit to receive 75 per cent of their estimated final 2020 benefit before completing their program year.</p> <p>Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is also waiving the six-months farming and one production cycle criteria for participants applying for 2020 interim benefits. (announced April 24)</p> <p><b>MANITOBA:</b> The Governments of Canada and Manitoba will be supporting a project which will allow local food producers and farmers' markets to sell their products online. Canada and Manitoba will be providing a total of \$160,000 through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership to Direct Farm Manitoba to purchase a software platform that will allow Manitobans to order food</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/agristability-interim-payments-increased-for-saskatchewan-producers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/agristability-interim-payments-increased-for-saskatchewan-producers.html</a></p> <p>April 27: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-announce-support-for-local-food-producers-and-farmers-markets.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/governments-of-canada-and-manitoba-announce-support-for-local-food-producers-and-farmers-markets.html</a></p> <p>May 5: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/05/05/supporting-canadas-farmers-food-businesses-and-food-supply</a></p>

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		<p>online from local producers and farmers' markets. The funding will also go toward the development of a network of pick-up and delivery options to connect consumers with their orders, and the development of COVID-19 safe handling and packaging practices for producers and processors. (announced April 27)</p> <p><b>NEW:</b> The Government of Canada announced important measures within agriculture programs and an investment of more than \$252 million to support farmers, food businesses, and food processors who provide essential services to Canadians every day by ensuring a safe and reliable food supply. We also announced that the government intends to propose an additional \$200 million in borrowing capacity for the sector. (announced May 5)</p> <p>The Government of Canada will provide targeted support to farmers, ranchers, agricultural producers, and food processors by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund to help food producers access more personal protective equipment (PPE), adapt to health protocols, automate or modernize their facilities, processes, and operations, and respond to emerging pressures from COVID-19 so they can better supply Canadians with food during this period.</li> <li>• Launching a national AgriRecovery initiative of up to \$125 million in funding to help producers faced with additional costs incurred by COVID-19. This includes set-asides for cattle and hog management programs to manage livestock backed-up on farms, due to the temporary closure of food processing plants. This new federal funding will help beef and pork producers and processors adapt to a changing market, and help farmers</li> </ul>	

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		<p>and ranchers keep their animals longer before marketing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcing the intention to increase the Canadian Dairy Commission's borrowing limit by \$200 million to support costs associated with the temporary storage of cheese and butter to avoid food waste. The government will work with opposition parties to achieve the required legislative change.</li> <li>• Launching a first-ever Surplus Food Purchase Program with an initial \$50 million fund designed to help redistribute existing and unsold inventories, which could include products such as potatoes and poultry, to local food organizations who are serving vulnerable Canadians.</li> <li>• Working with provinces and territories to increase interim payments from 50 per cent to 75 per cent through AgriStability, a federal, provincial and territorial program that supports producers who face significant revenue declines. This change has already been enacted in some provinces.</li> <li>• Working with provinces and territories to explore possibilities for expanding the Agriinsurance program to include labour shortages as an eligible risk for the horticulture sector. This work with provincial and territorial partners would insure against lost production due to an insufficient workforce, should producers be unable to find enough labour to harvest.</li> </ul>	
Canada Emergency Commercial Rent		<p>The federal government has reached an agreement in principle with all provinces and territories to implement the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories</a></p>

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	Assistance for small businesses	<p>businesses. This program will lower rent by 75 per cent for small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19.</p> <p>The program will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50 per cent of three monthly rent payments that are payable by eligible small business tenants who are experiencing financial hardship during April, May, and June.</p> <p>Impacted small business tenants are businesses paying less than \$50,000 per month in rent and who have temporarily ceased operations or have experienced at least a 70 per cent drop in pre-COVID-19 revenues. This support will also be available to non-profit and charitable organizations. (announced April 24)</p>	
New Loan Programs for Businesses	Canada Emergency Business Account	<p>This \$25 billion program will provide interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits, to help cover their operating costs during a period where their revenues have been temporarily reduced, due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 virus. (announced March 27)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/27/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/27/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
	A New Loan Guarantee for Small and Medium Enterprises	<p>To support their operations, EDC will guarantee new operating credit and cash flow term loans that financial institutions extend to SMEs, up to \$6.25 million. (announced March 27)</p> <p>The program cap for this new loan program will be a total of \$20 billion for export sector and domestic companies.</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/27/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/27/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>

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	<p>A New Co-Lending Program for Small and Medium Enterprises</p>	<p>To provide additional liquidity support for Canadian businesses, the Co-Lending Program will bring the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) together with financial institutions to co-lend term loans to SMEs for their operational cash flow requirements.</p> <p>Eligible businesses may obtain incremental credit amounts up to \$6.25 million; BDC's portion of this program is up to \$5 million maximum per loan. Eligible financial institutions will conduct the underwriting and manage the interface with their customers. The potential for lending for this program will be \$20 billion. (announced March 27)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/27/prime-minister-announces-support-small-businesses-facing-impacts</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html</a></p>
<p><b>Energy Sector</b></p>	<p>Clean up orphan and/or inactive oil and gas wells</p>	<p>Canada's energy sector, which is dealing with low prices caused by a surge in global crude oil supply and a decline in demand due to the economic effects of the pandemic. That's why the government is announcing new measures to help retain and create approximately 10,000 well-paying jobs in the energy sector.</p> <p>The Government of Canada will provide up to \$1.72 billion, including funding to the governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, and the Alberta Orphan Well Association, to clean up orphan and/or inactive oil and gas wells – creating thousands of jobs and having lasting environmental benefits. (announced April 17)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>
	<p>Creation of Emissions Reduction Fund</p>	<p>The Government of Canada will provide up to \$750 million to create a new proposed Emissions Reduction Fund to reduce emissions in Canada's oil and gas sector, with a focus on methane.</p> <p>This fund will provide primarily repayable contributions to conventional and offshore oil and gas firms to support their investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Of this amount,</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19</a></p>

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<b>Health/ Medical/Social Measures</b>	Support for provinces and territories	<p>\$75 million will be allocated to the offshore sector. (announced April 17)</p> <p>To further support public health preparedness, the Government of Canada will provide \$500 million to provinces and territories for critical health care system needs preparedness and mitigation efforts. (announced March 11)</p> <p>The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) liaison and reconnaissance elements will be dispatched to Quebec to gather information in support to the upcoming deployment of CAF medical personnel and resources to help ease the ongoing situation in long-term care facilities (LTCF). This reconnaissance by CAF members will help establish the locations and the employment protocols for our approximately 125 CAF members with health care training that will begin to deploy on Saturday, April 18th in Quebec, to assist in LTCF in the Province.</p> <p>The Department of National Defence (DND) and the CAF response in Quebec, to date, also includes approximately 80 Canadian Rangers that still remain deployed in Nunavik, Northern Quebec, and are working closely with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services to prepare triage points to facilitate the work of healthcare personnel. Also underway, at the request of the Government of Quebec, is the deployment of approximately 80 Canadian Rangers in Basse-Côte-Nord in Eastern Quebec to assist vulnerable people and support local physical distancing awareness programs. (announced April 17)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p> <p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>April 17: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2020/04/canadian-armed-forces-respond-to-covid-19-pandemic-in-quebec-long-term-care-facilities.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2020/04/canadian-armed-forces-respond-to-covid-19-pandemic-in-quebec-long-term-care-facilities.html</a></p>
	Investing in research	<p>-The Government of Canada will invest \$275 million in additional funding to enhance research capacity on vaccine and antiviral development and clinical trials, including in Canada. (announced on March 11).</p>	<p>March 11: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p>

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		<p>-To further contribute to global efforts to address the outbreak, the Government of Canada has invested nearly \$27 million to fund coronavirus research in Canada. This investment will support 47 research teams from across Canada that will focus on accelerating the development, testing and implementation of measures to deal with the outbreak (announced March 6).</p> <p>-As part of the \$275 million in funding, \$25.8 million will be provided to rapidly double the number of COVID-19 research projects funded, adding 49 new projects to the 47 projects previously announced on March 6. (announced March 19)</p> <p>-As a part of the \$275 million in funding, \$192 million will be provided in direct support for vaccine development and production in Canada. This funding will be used to advance projects that are already underway by university researchers and others in response to COVID-19, and ensure domestic supply of potential vaccines. (announced March 23).</p> <p>-The Government of Canada announced more than \$1 billion in support of a national medical research strategy to fight COVID-19 that includes vaccine development, the production of treatments, and tracking of the virus. This new funding builds on the \$275 million investment for coronavirus research and medical countermeasures announced in March.</p> <p>The Government of Canada will invest in new medical countermeasures to better understand COVID-19, and develop the infrastructure needed to fight the virus here in Canada. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The establishment of the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force that will operate under the direction of a leadership group, which will include Dr. David Naylor, Dr. Catherine</li> </ul>	<p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>March 6: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-invests-27m-in-coronavirus-research.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-invests-27m-in-coronavirus-research.html</a></p> <p>March 19: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-funds-49-additional-covid-19-research-projects.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/institutes-health-research/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-funds-49-additional-covid-19-research-projects.html</a></p> <p>March 23: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/canadas-plan-mobilize-science-fight-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/23/canadas-plan-mobilize-science-fight-covid-19</a></p> <p>April 23: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/23/prime-minister-announces-new-support-covid-19-medical-research-and">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/23/prime-minister-announces-new-support-covid-19-medical-research-and</a></p> <p>May 3: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-">https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/05/minister-</a></p>



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		<p>Hankins, Dr. Tim Evans, Dr. Theresa Tam, and Dr. Mona Nemer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40 million for the Canadian COVID-19 Genomics Network (CanCOGen), led by Genome Canada, to coordinate a COVID-19 viral and host genome sequencing effort across Canada.</li> <li>• \$23 million for the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) to accelerate development of a vaccine against COVID-19.</li> <li>• 29 million for the National Research Council of Canada to begin the second phase of critical upgrades to its Human Health Therapeutics facility in Montréal.</li> <li>• \$600 million, through the Strategic Innovation Fund, over two years to support COVID-19 vaccine and therapy clinical trials led by the private sector, and Canadian biomanufacturing opportunities.</li> <li>• \$10 million for a Canadian data monitoring initiative so we can coordinate and share pandemic-related data across the country to enhance Canada’s response to COVID-19.</li> <li>• \$10.3 million over two years, and \$5 million ongoing, to support the Canadian Immunization Research Network in conducting vaccine-related research and clinical trials, and to enhance Canada’s capacity to monitor vaccine safety and effectiveness.</li> <li>• \$114.9 million through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for research projects that will accelerate the development, testing, and implementation of medical and social countermeasures to mitigate the rapid spread of COVID-19, as well as its social and health impacts. (announced April 23)</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://bains-announces-investment-in-antibody-discovery-technology-to-help-treat-covid-19.html">bains-announces-investment-in-antibody-discovery-technology-to-help-treat-covid-19.html</a></p>

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		<p><b>NEW:</b> The Government of Canada announced a contribution of \$175.6 million to <a href="#">AbCellera Biologics</a>, a Canadian biotechnology company that researches and discovers next-generation antibody drugs to fight infection and disease. This contribution is part of Canada's Plan to Mobilize Science to fight COVID-19, announced on March 23, 2020, which includes significant investments in Canada's world-class research community to develop vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 and to diagnose the disease. This project will support Canada's fight against COVID-19 by leveraging AbCellera's world-leading drug discovery technology, which searches and analyzes blood samples of recovered patients to rapidly find naturally produced antibodies that can be used to fight and prevent viral infections. In just a few short weeks, AbCellera has identified over 500 antibodies directly from a patient who has recovered from COVID-19. This funding is instrumental in accelerating and expanding AbCellera's capabilities to combat COVID-19. AbCellera and its partners expect clinical trials to begin in July 2020 or earlier. (announced May 3)</p>	
	Additional public health response	To complement ongoing actions, the Government of Canada will provide \$100 million in funding to sustain the Public Health Agency of Canada's current public health measures and the sustained funding of the Health Portfolio Operations Centre and the National Microbiology Laboratory. Funding will also support Health Canada's regulatory readiness. Funding for Indigenous Services Canada will be used to support First Nations and Inuit communities in sustaining health services and managing impacts of COVID-19. (announced March 11)	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a>  Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a>
	Immediate public health response	To support the immediate response to the outbreak, \$50 million was allocated to support initial actions, including border and travel measures and sustained activation of the Health Portfolio Operations Centre and the National Microbiology Laboratory (announced March 11).	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a>

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		<p>The Government of Canada will invest \$50 million towards the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other necessary medical supplies and equipment to support federal requirements. Additional PPE supplies-such as nitrile gloves, surgical masks, N95 respirators, face shields, isolation gowns and coveralls-will be made available to help address the anticipated demands on local, provincial and territorial governments and health workers (announced on March 11).</p> <p>The Government of Canada is investing \$2 billion to support diagnostic testing and to purchase ventilators and protective personal equipment, including for bulk purchases with provinces and territories. Personal protective equipment includes things like more masks and face shields, gowns, and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>On March 20, 2020, the Government of Canada called on Canadian businesses and manufacturers to help deliver critical health supplies. Since then, the government has spoken directly with almost 3,000 Canadian companies that have offered their expertise and capacity to meet the country's need for personal protective equipment and critical health supplies.</p> <p>\$50 million has also been made available in funding for members of the Next Generation Manufacturing Supercluster to develop and scale-up new, in-demand technologies, equipment, and medical products. (announced March 31)</p> <p>The Government of Canada announced further progress under Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19 that will</p>	<p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>March 11:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>March 31:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/31/prime-minister-announces-new-partnerships-canadian-industries-fight">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/31/prime-minister-announces-new-partnerships-canadian-industries-fight</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/31/partnerships-canadian-industry-fight-covid-19-pandemic">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/31/partnerships-canadian-industry-fight-covid-19-pandemic</a></p> <p>April 7:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/07/prime-minister-announces-production-more-medical-supplies-and">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/07/prime-minister-announces-production-more-medical-supplies-and</a></p> <p>May 3:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-</a></p>

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		<p>help provide vital, made-in-Canada protective gear and medical equipment to respond to the outbreak. (announced April 7)</p> <p>The Government of Canada is building a secure, domestic supply of needed items to protect frontline health workers as they fight this global pandemic. Nearly 5,000 Canadian companies have offered their expertise and capacity as we work together on projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-purchasing 30,000 made-in-Canada ventilators,</li> <li>-develop an easy-to-produce ventilator using off-the-shelf, easily accessible parts</li> <li>-using innovative alternative materials, which have been authorized through Health Canada’s expedited regulatory process, to augment the supply of medical gowns</li> <li>-Purchasing and producing masks to protect our health care workers</li> <li>-Purchasing hand sanitizer from Canadian companies</li> </ul> <p><b>NEW:</b> The Government of Canada announced the creation of the COVID-19 Supply Council which will bring together a diverse group of leaders to provide the government with advice on the procurement of critical goods and services required as part of Canada’s COVID-19 response and recovery.</p> <p>The Council will provide advice on building innovative and agile supply chains for goods in wide use such as masks, gloves and disinfectants, including production, sourcing, shipping and distribution strategies as the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve. (announced May 3)</p>	<p><a href="https://procurement.news/2020/05/government-of-canada-creates-covid-19-supply-council-in-support-of-canadas-response-and-recovery.html">procurement/news/2020/05/government-of-canada-creates-covid-19-supply-council-in-support-of-canadas-response-and-recovery.html</a></p>

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	Communications and public education	<p>To ensure Canadians get trusted and accurate information, the Government of Canada is providing \$50 million to the Public Health Agency of Canada's dedicated communications capacity and public education efforts (announced March 11). The advertisements will run for the rest of March and at least through April on all Canadian television networks and radio stations across the country, as well as in national, regional and local print outlets.</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html</a></p>
	Support for Indigenous Communities	<p>To provide \$305 million for a new distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund, to address immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation communities (announced on March 18).</p> <p>Details of the \$305 million funding was announced on March 26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$215 million for First Nations: allocated to each First Nation based on population, remoteness and community well-being;</li> <li>• \$45 million for Inuit, which will flow to each of the four land claims organizations through an allocation determined by the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and regional Inuit land claims organizations;</li> <li>• \$30 million for Métis Nation communities, which will flow through each of the Governing Members; and</li> <li>• \$15 million for regional and urban Indigenous organizations supporting their members living away from their communities, and to regional organizations such as Friendship Centres and the Métis Settlements General Council of Alberta.</li> </ul> <p>The Government announced (as part of a greater package) \$10 million to be provided to Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC) existing network of 46 emergency shelters on reserve and in</p>	<p>March 18: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>March 26: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/03/addressing-urgent-needs-in-indigenous-communities-related-to-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/03/addressing-urgent-needs-in-indigenous-communities-related-to-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>April 4: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-announces-support-to-those-experiencing-homelessness-and-women-fleeing-gender-based-violence-during-the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-announces-support-to-those-experiencing-homelessness-and-women-fleeing-gender-based-violence-during-the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-pandemic.html</a></p> <p>Background: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2018/06/background-reaching-home.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2018/06/background-reaching-home.html</a></p>

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		<p>Yukon to support Indigenous women and children fleeing violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These new funds will flow directly to shelters and will provide them with additional operational funding to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities.</li> <li>○ The operational funding will be delivered through ISC's Family Violence Prevention Program. The amount for each shelter will be determined based on factors such as on-reserve population, remoteness, and number of beds. (announced April 4)</li> </ul> <p>The Government of Canada announced health and social support for northern communities to address immediate health, economic, and transportation needs in the North. These measures will: (announced April 14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transfer \$72.6 million to the governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to support their COVID-19 health and social services preparations and response. This funding will help territories address the critical priorities they identified to minimize the spread of the virus.</li> <li>• provide up to \$17.3 million to the governments of Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut to support northern air carriers. This funding, in partnership with investments by the territorial governments, will ensure</li> </ul>	<p>April 14:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/14/prime-minister-announces-health-and-social-support-northern">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/14/prime-minister-announces-health-and-social-support-northern</a></p>

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		<p>the continued supply of food, medical supplies, and other essential goods and services to remote and fly-in communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make available \$15 million in non-repayable support for businesses in the territories to help address the impacts of COVID-19. This support will assist businesses with operating costs not already covered by other Government of Canada measures.</li> <li>• provide an additional \$25 million to Nutrition North Canada to increase subsidies so families can afford much-needed nutritious food and personal hygiene products.</li> </ul>	
Support for people experiencing homelessness		<p>To provide an additional \$157.5 million to address the needs of Canadians experiencing homelessness through the Reaching Home program (announced March 18).</p> <p>This announcement was reiterated by the Prime Minister on March 29.</p> <p>This was re-announced on April 4</p>	<p>March 18:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/18/prime-minister-announces-more-support-workers-and-businesses-through</a></p> <p>March 29:  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid</a></p> <p>April 4:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-announces-support-to-those-experiencing-homelessness-and-women-fleeing-gender-based-violence-during-the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-announces-support-to-those-experiencing-homelessness-and-women-fleeing-gender-based-violence-during-the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-pandemic.html</a></p>

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			<p>May 4:  Statement: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/status-women/news/2020/05/statement-from-minister-monsef-and-minister-charest-on-support-for-womens-shelters-and-centres-for-victims-of-sexual-and-domestic-violence-in-quebe.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/status-women/news/2020/05/statement-from-minister-monsef-and-minister-charest-on-support-for-womens-shelters-and-centres-for-victims-of-sexual-and-domestic-violence-in-quebe.html</a></p>
			<p>March 29:  </p>
	<p>Support for women’s shelters and sexual assault centres including on reserves</p>	<p>To support women and children fleeing violence by providing up to \$50 million to women’s shelters and sexual assault centres to help with their capacity to manage or prevent an outbreak in their facilities. This includes funding for facilities in Indigenous communities (announced March 18).</p> <p>This announcement was reiterated by the Prime Minister on March 29.</p> <p>This was re-announced on April 4</p> <p><b>NEW:</b> The Government of Canada announced more than \$6.4 million directly to the Government of Quebec to support women’s shelters and support agencies for victims of sexual and domestic violence in Quebec, to help them improve safety, support emergency preparedness and increase their capacity. This funding is part of the \$50 million the federal government is providing to support front-line shelters and sexual assault and domestic violence centres across Canada. (announced May 4)</p>	
	<p>Support to Seniors</p>	<p>The Government of Canada will contribute \$9 million through United Way Canada for local organizations to support practical</p>	<p>March 29:</p>



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		<p>services to Canadian seniors. These services could include the delivery of groceries, medications, or other needed items, or personal outreach to assess individuals' needs and connect them to community supports (announced March 29).</p> <p>The Government of Canada announced flexibility for organizations under the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) to use funding previously received through the community-based stream to provide immediate and essential services to seniors impacted by COVID-19. Regardless of the nature of the previously approved project, organizations with approved projects in 2019-2020 can now use their funding to provide support for seniors' needs due to COVID-19. (announced April 6)</p> <p>The Public Health Agency of Canada released evidence-informed guidelines to help residents, seniors and health care workers in long-term care homes remain safe and healthy. The <a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19: Interim Guidance for Long-Term Care Homes</a> provides recommendations that complement provincial and territorial public health efforts to prevent and control health care-associated infections. (announced April 13)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid</a></p> <p>April 6: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/new-horizons-for-seniors-program-projects-can-now-be-used-for-covid-19-support.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/new-horizons-for-seniors-program-projects-can-now-be-used-for-covid-19-support.html</a></p> <p>Background: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/01/background-new-horizons-for-seniors-program-nhsp-is.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/01/background-new-horizons-for-seniors-program-nhsp-is.html</a></p> <p>April 13: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/public-health-agency-of-canada-releases-interim-guidance-for-infection-prevention-and-control-of-covid-19-for-long-term-care-homes.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/public-health-agency-of-canada-releases-interim-guidance-for-infection-prevention-and-control-of-covid-19-for-long-term-care-homes.html</a></p>
	Support for counselling services to children and youth	Kids Help Phone is experiencing increased demand for its 24/7 confidential online, telephone, and text counselling services across Canada. The Government of Canada will give \$7.5 million in funding to Kids Help Phone to provide young people with the mental health support they need during this difficult time (announced March 29).	NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/29/prime-minister-announces-support-vulnerable-canadians-affected-covid</a>
	Support to food supply chain for Temporary	The Government of Canada announced \$50 million to help farmers, fish harvesters, and all food production and processing employers, put in place the measures necessary to follow the mandatory 14-day isolation period required of all workers arriving from abroad. This support is available for all food	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/keeping-canadians-and-workers-in-the-food-supply-chain-safe.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/keeping-canadians-and-workers-in-the-food-supply-chain-safe.html</a>

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	Foreign Workers	<p>production firms that rely on temporary foreign workers, including primary agriculture and food processing, as well as fisheries and aquaculture.</p> <p>The federal government will provide support of \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met. The funding is conditional on employers not being found in violation of the mandatory 14-day isolation protocols or any other public health order. (announced April 13)</p>	
	Strategic Innovation Fund	<p>Strategic Innovation Fund will allow for rapid support to Canadian companies that are working on large-scale and later-stage promising research and development projects aimed at providing medical countermeasures to COVID-19, including vaccines and critical medical supplies. Key projects have already been identified, and the Government of Canada is working rapidly in collaboration with other programs and departments to identify potential measures for building critical capacity (announced March 20).</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19</a></p>
	Innovation Superclusters Initiative	<p>The Innovation Superclusters Initiative will prioritize existing funding, and leverage Canada's five superclusters by mobilizing their networks of over 1,800 members to support the government's COVID-19 efforts. Project proposals are currently in development, and the government is ensuring that the necessary steps are being taken to allow for more streamlined and timely evaluations, funding, and initiation to support these priority projects (announced March 20).</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19</a></p>
	Innovative Solutions Canada Program	<p>The Government of Canada will launch specific challenges through the Innovative Solutions Canada program to harness the innovations of Canadian entrepreneurs to meet the immediate needs of the health system. The government will rapidly select the best projects to accelerate development and testing of promising innovations that can have a direct impact on our health care response. The Government of Canada will also use</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20/prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19</a></p>

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		<p>the program to become the first customer of these innovative products (announced March 20).</p> <p>The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) will organize a COVID-19 Challenge Program, composed of teams of government, academic, and private sector partners, to address a range of medium-term needs of the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada, including personal protective equipment, sanitization products, diagnostic and testing products, therapeutics, and disease tracking technology. The NRC's Industrial Research Assistance Program will also build on its existing relationships with thousands of Canada's most innovative small and medium-sized businesses to pose challenges to the marketplace for innovative solutions to address these needs. The most promising solutions will be selected for procurement, working with Innovative Solutions Canada (announced March 20).</p> <p>The Government announced \$250 million to assist innovative, early-stage companies that are unable to access existing COVID-19 business support, through the National Research Council of Canada's Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP). (announced April 17)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-of-canada/news/2020/03/20-prime-minister-announces-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19">/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19</a></p> <p>March 20: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20-prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/20-prime-minister-announces-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/03/20/new-measures-under-canadas-plan-mobilize-industry-fight-covid-19</a></p> <p>April 17: NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17-prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17-prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-of-canada/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-of-canada/news/2020/04/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-new-support-to-protect-canadian-jobs.html</a></p>
	<p>Support to the CFIA</p>	<p>The Government of Canada is providing \$20 million to the CFIA to support critical food inspection that help to ensure that Canadians will have continued access to safe, high-quality food to feed their families.</p> <p>This investment will allow the CFIA to hire, train and equip additional staff (including recently retired CFIA inspectors and veterinarians) to conduct critical inspection activities, reassign staff from within the Agency to focus on critical services, and work closer with industry and trading partners to minimize supply disruptions during this crisis.</p> <p>The funding will support the CFIA in developing flexible ways to carry out inspections, including through the expanded use of</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/food-inspection-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-provides-20million-to-safeguard-canadas-food-supply-by-supporting-critical-food-inspection-services.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/food-inspection-agency/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-provides-20million-to-safeguard-canadas-food-supply-by-supporting-critical-food-inspection-services.html</a></p>

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		<p>electronic tools such as tablets and access to the CFIA's remote service delivery network.</p> <p>This funding will also support the training of provincial food inspectors so they can provide assistance to the CFIA as needed. In some provinces, it may entail training CFIA inspectors to support provincial food inspection activities. (announced April 14)</p>	
International Support	Support Mental Health	<p>During these difficult times, it is critical that Canadians be able to obtain credible information and access services to support their mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Government of Canada launched a new portal dedicated to mental wellness on <a href="https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus">Canada.ca/coronavirus</a> and the <a href="https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus">Canada COVID-19 app</a>. <a href="https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus">Wellness Together Canada</a> will connect Canadians to peer support workers, social workers, psychologists and other professionals for confidential chat sessions or phone calls, and will make it easier to find credible information and help address mental health and substance use issues. (announced April 15)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-connects-canadians-with-mental-wellness-supports-during-covid-190.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-connects-canadians-with-mental-wellness-supports-during-covid-190.html</a></p>
	International assistance to WHO and other partners	<p>The Government of Canada will provide an additional \$50 million in international assistance to the World Health Organization and other partners for potential bi-lateral support for developing countries in response to COVID-19 (announced March 11). As part of this, Canada will immediately provide \$8 million of this funding to experienced humanitarian partners, including the World Health Organization, the Pan-American Health Organization, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (announced March 20).</p> <p>The Government of Canada announced that \$159.5 million in funding will be allocated to support global efforts to address the</p>	<p>March 11 NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/11/prime-minister-outlines-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p> <p>Plan: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html#a3">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse/government-canada-takes-action-covid-19.html#a3</a></p> <p>March 20 NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/canadas-humanitarian">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/canadas-humanitarian</a></p>

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		<p>COVID-19 outbreak (this includes the \$50M announced by the PM on March 20). (announced April 5)</p> <p>Allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$84.5 million to international partners to support humanitarian appeals.</li> <li>• \$40 million to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations for COVID-19 vaccine development</li> <li>• \$30 million to address country-specific requests for assistance</li> <li>• \$5 million to global health security capacity building</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">assistance-to-help-developing-countries-prepare-and-respond-to-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>April 5            NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/04/canadas-support-for-international-efforts-to-fight-the-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/04/canadas-support-for-international-efforts-to-fight-the-covid-19-pandemic.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/04/backgrounder---canada-provides-funding-to-address-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/04/backgrounder---canada-provides-funding-to-address-covid-19-pandemic.html</a></p>
	Support for other countries	The Government of Canada has provided China with approximately 16 tonnes of personal protective equipment-such as clothing, face shields, masks, goggles and gloves-to support China's response to the outbreak without diminishing needed supplies in Canada. (announced February 9)	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/02/canada-supports-chinas-ongoing-response-to-novel-coronavirus-outbreak.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/02/canada-supports-chinas-ongoing-response-to-novel-coronavirus-outbreak.html</a>
Travel/Transport	Travel advisories	The Government of Canada issued an official global travel advisory: to avoid all non-essential travel outside of Canada until further notice.	Travel Advice and Advisories: <a href="https://travel.gc.ca/travel-health-notices">https://travel.gc.ca/travel-health-notices</a> Travel Health Notices: <a href="https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices">https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notices</a>
	Repatriation of Canadians	To help Canadians abroad return home, the Government is creating a special financial assistance program, the COVID-19 Emergency Loan Program for Canadians Abroad. Canadian abroad directly impacted by COVID-19 will have the option of applying for an emergency loan of up to \$5,000 to help secure their timely return to Canada and to temporarily cover their life-sustaining needs while they work toward their return. (announced March 16)	March 16 NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-to-provide-financial-assistance-to-canadians-abroad.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-to-provide-financial-assistance-to-canadians-abroad.html</a>

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	<p>Travel measures</p>	<p>As of April 14, approximately 15,000 Canadians have been repatriated to Canada.</p> <p>The Government of Canada will, for air travel specifically (announced March 16):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bar foreign nationals from all countries except the United States from entering Canada. The measure would not apply in designated exceptional circumstances, including to air crews, travellers arriving in Canada in transit to a third country, Canadian permanent residents, diplomats, or immediate family members of Canadian citizens.</li> <li>• Redirect international passenger flight arrivals to four airports: Toronto Pearson International Airport, Vancouver International Airport, Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, and Calgary International Airport. At this time, this measure will not affect domestic flights or flights from the United States, sun destinations such as Mexico and the Caribbean, or St. Pierre-et-Miquelon, which can continue to operate on their regular routes and land at current Canadian destinations. The Government is working closely with the airline industry and airports to avoid unnecessarily disrupting operations and minimize additionally inconveniencing travellers.</li> <li>• Strengthen screening measures at airports, including stronger and more visible messaging, health screening at kiosks, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection of high-traffic areas and facilities at airports.</li> </ul> <p>Introduction of new domestic transportation measures to support provincial, territorial and local efforts to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spreading from travelling within Canada (announced March 28).</p>	<p>March 16  NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/16/prime-minister-announces-new-actions-under-canadas-covid-19-response">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/16/prime-minister-announces-new-actions-under-canadas-covid-19-response</a></p> <p>March 28:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-announces-new-domestic-transportation-measures.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/03/government-of-canada-announces-new-domestic-transportation-measures.html</a></p> <p>April 14:  NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-updates-mandatory-requirements-for-travellers-entering-canada.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-updates-mandatory-requirements-for-travellers-entering-canada.html</a></p>

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		<p>Air:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A requirement for all air operators to conduct a health check of travellers before they board a flight within Canada or departing from Canada, based on guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada. This would include asking health questions, looking for visible signs of illness prior to boarding, and recommending the traveller follow guidance from local health authorities.</li> <li>A requirement for air operators to refuse boarding to a passenger that presents COVID-19 symptoms. The denial will remain in effect for a period of 14 days, or until a medical certificate is presented that confirms that the traveller's symptoms are not related to COVID-19. These measures will apply to aircraft with 10 seats or more.</li> <li>A requirement for air operators to notify travellers that they may be subject to provincial or territorial measures at their final destination.</li> </ul> <p>Rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A requirement for intercity passenger rail companies to do a health check to screen passengers for COVID-19 symptoms before they board a train, based on guidance from the Public Health Agency of Canada. This will include company representatives asking simple health questions, looking for visible signs of illness prior to boarding, and recommending the passenger follow guidance from local health authorities.</li> <li>A requirement for intercity passenger rail companies to refuse boarding to a passenger that presents COVID-19 symptoms. The denial will remain in effect for a period of 14 days, or until a medical certificate is presented that</li> </ul>	

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		<p>confirms that the traveller's symptoms are not related to COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These measures do not apply to commuter trains.</li> </ul> <p>All measures came into effect on March 30, 2020 at noon EDT.</p> <p>An updated Order is being issued, under which any traveller arriving in Canada—whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic—cannot isolate or quarantine in a place where they would be in contact with people who are vulnerable, such as adults aged 65 years or over and people with pre-existing medical conditions.</p> <p>Upon arrival, every traveller will need to confirm that they have a suitable place to isolate or quarantine, where they will have access to basic necessities, such as food and medication. Travellers will be expected to make plans for where they will isolate or quarantine in advance of arriving to Canada. Travellers who do not have an appropriate place in which to isolate or quarantine themselves must go to a place designated by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada. These criteria are newly applied to asymptomatic travellers.</p> <p>In addition, all travellers arriving in Canada will be required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering to proceed to their final destination where they will isolate or quarantine. They will be provided with a mask if they do not have one. (announced April 14)</p>	
	Support for air transportation sector	The government is waiving ground lease rents from March 2020 through to December 2020 for the 21 airport authorities that pay rent to the federal government. The government will also provide comparable treatment for PortsToronto, which operates Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport and pays a charge to the federal	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/government-announces-support-for-air-transportation-sector-during-covid-19-pandemic.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/government-announces-support-for-air-transportation-sector-during-covid-19-pandemic.html</a>



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		<p>government. This support will help airports reduce cost pressures and preserve their cash flow as they deal with the effects of COVID-19 on their revenue streams. This will provide relief up to \$331.4 million, reflecting payments in the same period of 2018. (announced March 30)</p> <p>These measures are part of the Government of Canada's <a href="#">COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</a></p> <p>The Government of Canada announced new measures requiring all air passengers to have a non-medical mask or face covering to cover their mouth and nose during travel. These measures come into effect at noon EDT on April 20, 2020.</p> <p>When travelling <u>by air</u>, travellers will be asked to cover their mouth and nose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at Canadian airport screening checkpoints, where the screeners cannot always keep two metres of separation between themselves and the traveller;</li> <li>• when they cannot physically distance from others, or as directed by the airline employees; and</li> <li>• when directed to do so by a public health order or public health official.</li> </ul> <p>Aviation passengers on all flights departing or arriving at Canadian airports will also be required to demonstrate they have the necessary non-medical mask or face covering during the boarding process otherwise they will not be allowed to continue on their journey.</p> <p>When travelling by <u>marine</u> modes of transportation, travellers are encouraged to wear non-medical masks or face coverings whenever possible. In addition, operators of ferries and essential passenger vessels will, when feasible:</p>	<p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/support-to-canadas-air-transportation-sector.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/support-to-canadas-air-transportation-sector.html</a></p> <p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/new-measures-introduced-for-non-medical-masks-or-face-coverings-in-the-canadian-transportation-system.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/new-measures-introduced-for-non-medical-masks-or-face-coverings-in-the-canadian-transportation-system.html</a></p> <p>Background:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/use-of-non-medical-masks-or-face-coverings-in-the-canadian-transportation-system.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/use-of-non-medical-masks-or-face-coverings-in-the-canadian-transportation-system.html</a></p>
	<p>Passenger measures</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide public messaging to travellers about the need to have a non-medical mask or face covering to cover their mouth and nose during their journey when they cannot maintain physical distance from others, and that passengers could be subject to denial of boarding should they fail to comply.</li> </ul> <p>Passengers travelling by <u>rail or motor carrier/bus</u> modes of transportation are also strongly encouraged to wear non-medical masks or face coverings as much as possible. Passengers may be asked by the transportation operator to cover their noses and mouths when physical distancing is not possible. (announced April 17)</p>	
Border measures (foreign nationals)		<p>Until June 30, 2020, travel to Canada will be restricted for all foreign nationals coming from any country other than the United States (U.S.). These new restrictions prohibit any foreign national, including U.S. nationals, from entering Canada for optional or discretionary purposes (non-essential travel). Any foreign national is prohibited from entering Canada by the air and marine modes if they arrive from a foreign country other than the U.S., with exception to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>foreign national, including U.S. citizens, who have been in the U.S. and Canada for more than 14 days (as per the order governing travel from the U.S. to Canada)</li> <li>immediate family member of Canadian citizens and permanent residents</li> <li>person registered as an Indian under the Indian Act</li> <li>person who is authorized, in writing, by a consular officer of the Government of Canada to enter Canada for the purpose of reuniting immediate family members</li> <li>airline or marine crew member</li> </ul>	<p>Response: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html</a></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accredited diplomat and immediate family members, including representative from the United Nations and international organizations for which Canada is part of foreign national travelling at the invitation of the Canadian government for the purpose of assisting in the COVID-19 response</li> <li>• person who arrives by means of an aircraft operated by the Canadian Forces or the Department of National Defence</li> <li>• member of the Canadian military, visiting forces, and their family members</li> <li>• protected person presenting a convention refugee travel document</li> <li>• a French citizen who resides in St. Pierre and Miquelon (SPM) who has only been in SPM, the U.S. or Canada during the period of 14 days before the day on which they board</li> <li>• person or any person in class of persons who, in the opinion of Canada's Chief Public Health Officer does not pose a risk of significant harm to the public health, or will provide essential service while in Canada</li> <li>• transiting passengers through Canada to another country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ transiting passengers will be subject to any travel bans and restrictions the third country has in place</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
US-Canada Joint Initiative: Temporary Restriction of Travelers Crossing the US-Canada		Announced on March 18, this decision will be implemented on March 21, 2020, at which time the U.S. and Canada will temporarily restrict all non-essential travel across the U.S.-Canada land border. Supply chains, including trucking, will not be impacted by this new measure. The measure will be in place for 30 days, at which point it will be reviewed by both parties.	Readout: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2020/03/18/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-united-states-america">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/readouts/2020/03/18/prime-minister-justin-trudeau-speaks-president-united-states-america</a>  April 14: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-">https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-</a>

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	Border for Non-Essential Purposes	<p>The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced the temporary reduction of service hours at certain low-traffic ports of entry (POE) along the Canada-United States land border. These COVID-19 related measures are temporary and in effect as of April 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT. They will remain in effect until further notice. (announced April 14)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/04/covid-19--temporary-reduction-of-service-at-some-low-traffic-canadian-land-border-crossings.html">agency/news/2020/04/covid-19--temporary-reduction-of-service-at-some-low-traffic-canadian-land-border-crossings.html</a></p> <p>Fact Sheet: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/04/covid-19--temporary-reduction-of-service-at-canadian-land-border-crossings.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2020/04/covid-19--temporary-reduction-of-service-at-canadian-land-border-crossings.html</a></p>
Measures for ferries and commercial passenger vessels capable of carrying more than 12 passengers	Measures for ferries and commercial passenger vessels capable of carrying more than 12 passengers	<p>As of April 6, the new measures with mandatory requirements: (announced April 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit all commercial marine vessels with a capacity of more than 12 passengers from engaging in non-essential activities, such as tourism or recreation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These measures will remain in place until at least June 30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prevent any Canadian cruise ship from mooring, navigating, or transiting in Canadian Arctic waters (including Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and the Labrador Coast). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should any foreign passenger vessel seek to enter Arctic waters, they would need to give the Minister of Transport 60 days' notice and be subject to any conditions the Minister determines necessary to ensure the protection of marine personnel and local communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These measures will remain in place until October 31, 2020.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Require ferries and essential passenger vessel operators to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Immediately reduce by 50% the maximum number of passengers that may be carried on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/the-government-of-canada-announces-new-measures-for-ferries-and-commercial-passenger-vessels-capable-of-carrying-more-than-12-passengers.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/04/the-government-of-canada-announces-new-measures-for-ferries-and-commercial-passenger-vessels-capable-of-carrying-more-than-12-passengers.html</a></p> <p>Backgrounder: <a href="https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-tc/backgrounder-covid-19-safety-requirements-commercial-passenger-vessels-ferries.html">https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-tc/backgrounder-covid-19-safety-requirements-commercial-passenger-vessels-ferries.html</a></p>

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		<p>board (conduct half-load voyages) to support the two-metre physical distancing rule; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Implement alternative practices to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 (consistent with Public Health Agency of Canada guidelines) among passengers on board their vessels, such as keeping people in their vehicles, when feasible or enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b>	<p>Support to the publishing and news sectors</p>	<p>The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) confirmed that the Independent Advisory Board on Eligibility for Journalism Tax Measures is now in place. The role of the board is to make recommendations to the CRA on whether a journalism organization meets certain criteria to receive the Qualified Canadian Journalism Organization (QCJO) designation. (announced March 25)</p> <p>Canadian Heritage is working to establish a simplified process for submitting and processing 2020-21 funding requests for the Canada Book Fund and Canada Periodical Fund. The process will significantly reduce the time it takes to process files. Eligible beneficiaries will be able to access financial assistance much more quickly than usual. The beneficiaries of these programs will be contacted in the coming days to better explain the simplified approach for 2020-21. (announced March 25)</p> <p>On April 17, the Government released the draft legislative proposals that would make adjustments to the Journalism tax measures (introduced in Budget 2019) to help ensure that they achieve their initial objectives. (announced April 17)</p> <p>The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) will not issue letters requesting payment for Part I licence fees by broadcasters for the 2020–21 fiscal year. The government will transfer necessary funds to the CRTC to</p>	<p>March 25: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/03/covid-19-the-government-of-canada-is-taking-action-to-support-the-publishing-and-news-sectors.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/03/covid-19-the-government-of-canada-is-taking-action-to-support-the-publishing-and-news-sectors.html</a></p> <p>April 17: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-clarifies-support-for-canadian-journalism.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-clarifies-support-for-canadian-journalism.html</a></p> <p>Background: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-canadian-journalism.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/support-for-canadian-journalism.html</a></p> <p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/03/covid-19-the-government-of-canada-provides-relief-to-the-broadcasting-sector.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/03/covid-19-the-government-of-canada-provides-relief-to-the-broadcasting-sector.html</a></p>

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		<p>support its operations. Waiving these regulatory charges for broadcasters provides immediate financial relief for the broadcasting industry, freeing up more than \$30 million in cash. (announced March 30)</p>	
	<p>Guidance on services and functions deemed essential to Canada's critical infrastructure during COVID-19</p>	<p>The Government of Canada released the "Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada During the COVID-19 Pandemic" to assist various jurisdictions and businesses in their decision-making around the types of employees considered essential to maintain the health, safety, security and economic well-being of Canadians throughout this health crisis.</p> <p>The guidance document provides a list of services and functions across Canada's 10 critical infrastructure sectors: Energy and Utilities, Information and Communication Technologies, Finance, Health, Food, Water, Transportation, Safety, Government and Manufacturing. It will support critical infrastructure employers in identifying and managing their workforce, while fostering alignment and harmonization across sectors. It is non-binding and advisory in nature, and should not be considered to be a federal directive or standard. (announced on April 2)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-provides-guidance-on-services-and-functions-deemed-essential-to-canadas-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-provides-guidance-on-services-and-functions-deemed-essential-to-canadas-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19.html</a></p> <p>Guidance: <a href="https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx">https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx</a></p>
	<p>Support for food banks and local food organizations</p>	<p>The Government of Canada will provide \$100 million in funding to national, regional, and local organizations across Canada that are able to reach people and communities experiencing food insecurity. These organizations – including but not limited to Food Banks Canada, Salvation Army, Second Harvest, Community Food Centres Canada, and Breakfast Club of Canada – will work with partners to meet the urgent food needs of Canadians, including Indigenous peoples and Northern populations.</p> <p>The \$100 million investment is divided as follows: -50 million to Food Banks Canada</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/03/prime-minister-announces-support-food-banks-and-local-food</a></p>

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		<p>- \$20 million divided evenly between Salvation Army, Second Harvest, Community Food Centres Canada, and Breakfast Club of Canada</p> <p>- \$30 million for local-level organizations who serve people experiencing food insecurity</p> <p>This funding will be used to purchase food and other basic necessities. It will help these organizations find new, creative ways to reach people in need, so they can continue to carry out their important work while respecting physical distancing guidelines. They will be able to use the funding to buy or rent equipment and other materials to help address the unique needs of the communities they serve and the health-related challenges presented by COVID-19. (announced April 3)</p>	
<p>Combating false and misleading COVID-19 information</p>		<p>The Government of Canada is investing \$3 million in several organizations through the Digital Citizen Initiative's Digital Citizen Contribution Program. This funding will help combat false and misleading COVID-19 information as well as the racism and stigmatization that are often the result. (announced April 7)</p> <p>The following organizations are receiving immediate funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upstream (\$95,000) Project: Information in the Age of COVID-19</li> <li>- MediaSmarts (\$654,134) Project: Critical Thinking in the Digital Age: Countering Coronavirus Misinformation</li> <li>- Société de l'Acadie du Nouveau-Brunswick (\$434,725) Project: Portail de vérification des faits sur le COVID-19 / Fact-Checking portal on COVID-19</li> </ul>	<p>April 7: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/04/supporting-canadians-to-think-critically-about-online-health-information.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/04/supporting-canadians-to-think-critically-about-online-health-information.html</a></p> <p>May 6: NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2020/05/competition-bureau-cracking-down-on-deceptive-marketing-claims-about-covid-19-prevention-or-treatment.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2020/05/competition-bureau-cracking-down-on-deceptive-marketing-claims-about-covid-19-prevention-or-treatment.html</a></p>

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		<p>-COVID-19 : Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec (\$330,164) Project: Dépister la désinfo / COVID-19 : Track the facts</p> <p>-Institute for Canadian Citizenship (\$490,880) Project: Supporting New Canadian Citizens: Dispelling Discriminatory Disinformation Around COVID-19</p> <p>-Digital Public Square (\$679,176) Project: Countering Disinformation Relating to COVID-19</p> <p>-Metro Toronto Chinese &amp; Southeast Asian Legal Clinic (\$301,904) Project: Empowering, Engaging and Equipping Canadians to Combat Anti-Asian Racism through Online Resources and Social Media: A Study to Advance Policy Development and Systemic Change</p> <p>-Asian Environmental Association (\$64,660) Project: Combating COVID-19 disinformation in Vancouver's Chinese and Vietnamese language communities</p> <p><b>NEW:</b> The Competition Bureau warned all businesses against making false or misleading claims that their products and services can prevent, treat or cure COVID-19. The Bureau issued direct compliance warnings to a variety of businesses across Canada to stop potentially deceptive claims, including warnings against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• making claims that herbal remedies, bee-related products, vitamins, vegetables or other food and drink products can prevent COVID-19 infections; and</li> <li>• making claims—without first conducting the testing required by law—that certain UV and ozone air</li> </ul>	



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		sterilization systems, as well as certain air filters or air purifiers, will effectively kill or filter out the virus. (announced May 6)	
	Virtual Canada Day Celebrations	<p>For Canada Day 2020, the Government of Canada is working with Canadian artists and artisans to put together a virtual program, reflecting our diversity and values, and showcasing the immense talent our country has to offer.</p> <p>On July 1, Canadians will be able to tune into virtual Canada Day celebrations. (announced April 17)</p>	Statement: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/04/statement-by-minister-guilbeault-on-canada-day-celebrations.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/news/2020/04/statement-by-minister-guilbeault-on-canada-day-celebrations.html</a>
	Digital initiatives to its suite of virtual tools for COVID-19	<p>The Government of Canada announced two virtual tools:</p> <p><a href="#">Get Updates on COVID-19</a> is a web-based email service that provides subscribers with critical information related to the pandemic. Developed by Health Canada, the Canadian Digital Service (CDS), and Service Canada, subscribers to the service will get emails directing them to important and authoritative content on the Government of Canada's COVID-19 website, <a href="https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus">Canada.ca/coronavirus</a>.</p> <p>In addition, the <a href="#">ArriveCan</a> app, developed in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency, has been launched across the country. It allows travellers returning to Canada to input their 14-day isolation or quarantine information quickly, easily and securely upon arrival. (announced April 30)</p> <p>These tools join the government's suite of digital tools, including the <a href="#">Canada COVID-19 mobile app</a>, which features a symptom tracker, a self-assessment tool, and information on mental health and substance use support through the <a href="#">Wellness Together Canada</a> portal. The app is free and available</p>	NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-introduces-new-digital-initiatives-to-its-suite-of-virtual-tools-for-covid19.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-introduces-new-digital-initiatives-to-its-suite-of-virtual-tools-for-covid19.html</a>

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		<p>on <a href="https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus">Canada.ca/coronavirus</a> and through the Apple App Store and Google Play.</p>	
	<p>Establish a COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations</p>	<p>The Government announced \$500 million to establish a COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations to help address the financial needs of affected organizations within these sectors so they can continue to support artists and athletes. This measure is consistent with the government's other existing COVID-19 support measures for wages and fixed costs for organizations. (announced April 17)</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs">https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/17/prime-minister-announces-new-support-protect-canadian-jobs</a></p>
	<p>Recommendation not to proceed with First Nations Elections</p>	<p>The Government of Canada has recommended that First Nations with upcoming elections not proceed with elections at this time, due to the current public health risks associated with large gatherings. Accordingly, we introduced a temporary regulatory option, the First Nations Election Cancellation and Postponement Regulations, that will allow First Nations leaders to continue exercising their roles and duties within their communities for up to six months, with a potential extension for an additional six months, as they focus on keeping their communities safe in the face of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Government of Canada has been in direct communication with First Nations communities who are currently, or will soon be, undergoing the election process about this option. The final decision to hold or postpone their election ultimately lies with community leadership. (announced April 16)</p>	<p>Statement: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/04/statement-by-the-minister-of-indigenous-services-on-the-first-nations-election-cancellation-and-postponement-regulations-prevention-of-diseases-com.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/news/2020/04/statement-by-the-minister-of-indigenous-services-on-the-first-nations-election-cancellation-and-postponement-regulations-prevention-of-diseases-com.html</a></p>
	<p>Regulatory amendments under the <i>Contraventions Act</i></p>	<p>These changes provide increased flexibility for law enforcement agencies, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, local and provincial police forces, to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with orders under the Federal <i>Quarantine Act</i>. Under this ticketing regime, when a ticket is issued, an individual can pay the ticket voluntarily, avoiding a trial and a criminal</p>	<p>NR: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-further-facilitates-enforcement-of-the-federal-quarantine-act.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2020/04/government-of-canada-further-facilitates-enforcement-of-the-federal-quarantine-act.html</a></p>

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