

COVID-19: AVAILABLE RESOURCES

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SUPPORT OUR FARMERS' MARKETS

This summer more than ever, let's encourage our local producers who work so hard to provide us with healthy, high-quality food. The past few months have shown us that we have every reason to be proud of our fellow Townshippers and the importance of buying local.



AUTHORIZATION WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH SEVERE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Health Canada is working with companies, academic research centres and investigators to expedite the development and availability of treatments to prevent and treat COVID-19.

On July 27, 2020, Health Canada authorized Remdesivir as the first drug for Canadians to treat COVID-19.

Remdesivir has shown positive results for treating adults and adolescent patients with severe symptoms of COVID-19. However, this treatment needs to be reserved for patients who have pneumonia and require supplemental oxygen.

For more information: https://bit.ly/30XOmez.

TAX RETURNS

Recognizing the special circumstances in which Canadians currently find themselves, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is extending the payment deadline for personal income taxes to **September 30, 2020**. No interest or penalty will be charged if the payment is made before the payment deadline.

The CRA also announced this week that it will not impose a penalty if an individual files his or her tax returns late, as long as it is done **by September 30, 2020.** Additionally, to ensure that Canadians continue receiving their benefits and tax credits during the COVID-19 pandemic, the CRA decided that as a temporary measure it will not stop payments to people who did not file their return by the June 1st deadline.

However, for people who receive credits and benefits such as the Canada Child Benefit, it is important to file your return as soon as possible to ensure you receive the correct amount.

For more information: https://bit.ly/2X7C3Lu.

INTEREST ON TAX DEBT

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will waive interest on existing tax debt related to personal income tax returns from April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. This measure will provide immediate relief to concerned taxpayers.

For more information: https://bit.ly/2X7C3Lu.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN REGULATORY DEADLINES

Given the exceptional circumstances of the pandemic, some Canadians, businesses and organizations may not be able to meet certain time limits currently required by federal law, including those that apply to civil court cases and some key regulatory issues.

The Government of Canada is proposing to enact the *Time Limits and Other Periods Act (COVID-19)* which would suspend limitation periods in civil litigation proceedings as well as enable the extension or suspension of certain regulatory time limits. This new Act would ensure the continued protection of the rights of Canadians in the context of civil legal proceedings, by ensuring that individuals are not prevented from asserting their rights because of the passage of a time limit. It would also prevent irreversible legal consequences.

For more information: https://bit.ly/2P88ipl.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Prime Minister's Youth Council is a group of young people from across the country who provide impartial advice to the PM and the Government of Canada. The PM's Youth Council allows young Canadians to discuss their innovative ideas that will make a difference for the future of our country. It is an excellent opportunity to have your voice heard as the government prepares for the COVID-19 recovery.

It is now possible to apply for the next cohort of the Prime Minister's Youth Council. To be eligible, you must:

- Be between 16 and 24 years old;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a protected person.

The deadline to submit your application is August 17, 2020.

To apply, consult the following link: https://bit.ly/3gbdSDz.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

TAX RETURNS

Recognizing the special circumstances in which Canadians currently find themselves, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not impose a late filing penalty if a corporation or trust files its return late, provided it is **no later than September 30**, **2020**.

In addition, the CRA is extending the payment deadline for current year corporation and trust income tax returns, including installment payments, to **September 30, 2020**. However, the CRA encourages corporations and trusts to file their tax returns even if payment deadlines are extended.

The CRA is also waiving interest on existing tax debt related to corporate and trust income tax returns from April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, and from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST).

For more information: https://bit.ly/2X7C3Lu.

INFORMATION ON OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN

Canada Emergency Business Account (https://ceba-cuec.ca/): Open

Local Food Infrastructure Fund (https://bit.ly/2W0ltg1) : Open until funds are exhausted

Young Canada Works in Both Official Languages (https://bit.ly/2ZaY7GI): Open until funds are exhausted

Investments in Forest Industry Transformation - Study projects (https://bit.ly/2W1uV2V): Open until funds are exhausted

Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF)

• Canadian Red Cross (https://bit.ly/2CGdeiy): Open until July 31, 2020

Emergency Processing Fund (https://bit.ly/31g55eJ): Open until July 31, 2020

Surplus Food Rescue Program (https://bit.ly/3dEqlh6): Open until July 31, 2020 or until funds are fully committed

Equipment and Training Program on Prevention of Disease Transmission (https://bit.ly/2NsFSpr): Open until July 31, 2020

Investments in Forest Industry Transformation - Capital investment projects (https://bit.ly/2W1uV2V): Open until August 13, 2020

Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Workers Program (https://bit.ly/2VimgbO): Open until August 31, 2020

INFORMATION ON OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPEN

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (https://bit.ly/3dFe8c1): Open until August 31, 2020

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (https://bit.ly/2NqLvEJ): Open until September 30, 2020

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (https://bit.ly/2YvHLYI): Open until October 3rd, 2020

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (https://bit.ly/2Vk7JfN): Open until December 2020

BEST SANITARY PRACTICES

To have up-to-date information concerning the coronavirus, we invite you to contact:

- The Canadian Government Website: https://bit.ly/2QFBAwY
- Phone 1-833-347-4397 (toll free).

If ever you are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough or difficulty breathing), contact **1-877-644-4545** (toll free).

For more information on ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the **workplace**, consult the following link: https://bit.ly/3adWvz3.







Public health experts recommend that we:

- Limit our contact with other people by practicing social distancing;
- Frequently wash our hands for a minimum of 20 seconds;
- Use an alcohol-based sanitizer if we don't have access to water and soap;
- Cough and sneeze in a tissue or in the crux of our arm
- Avoid touching or eyes, nose or mouth if we haven't previously washed our hands;
- Use approved sanitizers to clean hard surfaces;
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched (telephones, door handles, etc...)

To learn more on risk prevention, consult the following link: https://bit.ly/2Uv9d5M or send an email to phac.inof.aspc@canada.ca.