



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members
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Dear member,

More Details on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The federal government has updated their webpage on [CERB](#).

Good news! Members were questioning whether they could earn a small income while on CERB. The government previously did not allow this, but due to advocacy efforts, have now announced that you can make up to \$1,000/month and not jeopardize your CERB.

When submitting your first claim, you cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for 14 or more consecutive days within the four-week benefit period of your claim.

When submitting subsequent claims, you cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for the entire four-week benefit period of your new claim.

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)

While we were pleased to see the federal government's economic measures for small businesses in the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan with interest-free loans, CDHA wrote to the Ministers of Finance and Small Business to express our concerns with some of the eligibility criteria for CEBA as it currently stands. We highlighted that many dental hygienists who own and operate their own business may not be eligible because they are sole proprietors or have not paid between \$50,000 to \$1 million in total payroll in 2019. We asked that

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the government expand the requirements of the Canada Emergency Business Account so that sole proprietor businesses and those with a lower payroll may access these essential loans. This week the government expanded the CEBA and are now allowing companies who spent between \$20,000 to \$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019 to be eligible. Although this does not address sole proprietors, it will allow more of our independent dental hygienists to receive financial support.

FREE professional development

CDHA recognizes the importance of quality professional development and [COVID-19 related learning](#) opportunities. We continue to actively review and assess options, available online at no charge, to support your self-study and help you mitigate future challenges.

Online courses include:

- [Cochrane Evidence Essentials](#)
- [Cochrane Introduction to Conducting Systematic Reviews](#)
- [Mind Control: Managing Your Mental Health During COVID-19](#)

Webinars include:

- [Mental Health and Resilience During COVID-19](#)
- [WHO Infection Prevention and Control for Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [WHO eProtect Respiratory Infections](#)
- [Update on COVID-19 and Infection Control](#)
- [COVID-19 Town Hall: Q&A with 4 Infection Prevention Compliance Consultants](#)

COMING SOON: FREE Re-Released Webinars

On May 1, CDHA is re-releasing a selection of 6 webinars. Topics include cannabis, product hazards, and dental implants. Once you register, you will have up to one year to access the content. Get ready to crack open the vault!

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities for Ontario Members

In response to numerous requests from members in Ontario interested in supporting those on the front lines, CDHA reached out to the Ontario Long Term Care Association. They are using [Link2LTC](#) to hire employees and coordinate volunteers to work as Resident Support Aides. If you are interested

in performing day-to-day, non-care related tasks, while regulated staff continue to manage and lead resident care, you can apply through [Link2LTC](#) or consult the [OLTC Resident Support Aide Information Sheet](#) for more details.

CDHA will continue to provide updates as they become available.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.
Everyone can do their part to slow COVID-19.*