



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members **March 26, 2020**

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Dear member,

COVID-19 Video: Coverage Questions and Legal Considerations

In yesterday's video, Andrew McKenna, Partner at Gowling WLG's Ottawa office, responded to your questions about professional liability and legal considerations as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and the continuing evolution of the pandemic. To access the video, visit [CDHA's YouTube Channel](#). Email your questions to alerts@cdha.ca and indicate VIDEO QUESTION within the subject line.

Protecting Privacy in a Pandemic

This [article](#) is designed to assist dental hygiene health professionals interpret and apply their obligations under the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

About the Canada Emergency Response Benefit announced yesterday

The government's new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) will replace the previously announced Emergency Care Benefit and Emergency Support Benefit. This taxable benefit provides \$2,000 a month for up to four months for workers who lose their income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlights:

- Covers Canadians who have lost their job, are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19, as well as working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children who are sick or at home because of school and daycare closures.

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- Applies to wage earners, as well as contract workers and self-employed individuals who would not otherwise be eligible for EI.
- The online portal for accessing the CERB will be available in early April with payments to follow in 14 days.
- Accessing the Canada Emergency Response Benefit will not have an impact on future eligibility of EI claims.
- [Review CDHA's Government Support FAQs](#) or visit the government's [economic response plan page](#) for full benefit details.

The clear message to Canadians is to go directly to the Government of Canada's website to [apply](#).

Research Resources - COVID-19 Evidence

CDHA recognizes the importance of evidence-based decision making to the profession of dental hygiene. Reliable research on COVID-19 and its impact on the dental profession is emerging but remains scarce. [Click here](#) for access to COVID-19 research. CDHA will update as more research becomes available.

Sharing Stories

During this time of crisis, healthcare superheroes are helping other healthcare superheroes; like Dianna Major of Dental Magic Hygiene Studio who [dropped off masks this week](#) to some very appreciative local pharmacies who were short on supplies and many of our Gift from the Heart participants who are sharing their supplies with [local hospitals](#) and [shelters](#). Please share your stories with marketing@cdha.ca. How is this crisis affecting you? What are you experiencing? What are doing, how are you doing and what do you need?

Wellness Tips from Homewood Health

Here are a few tips from Homewood Health on managing information, self-isolation and quarantine.

[Managing Media Intake](#)

[Self-isolation and quarantine: What you need to know](#)

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

