



COVID-19 Update for CDHA members March 30, 2020

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Dear member,

More details on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

Further to Friday's announcement of aids for businesses affected by COVID-19, additional important details were released today. Trudeau noted that the goal is to ensure as many people as possible can keep their jobs and paycheques.

CDHA encourages members to talk to their employer(s) about the possibility of being re-hired with the availability of these supports. **Please note:** Being re-hired does not mean providing dental hygiene services – it means returning to the payroll.

New details:

- The government will cover up to 75% of employees' wages for the first \$58,700 worth of salary, up to \$847 a week
- Businesses are encouraged to pay the other 25%. "We are trusting you to do the right thing. If you have the means to pay the remaining 25% that's not covered by the subsidy, please do so," Trudeau said.
- Businesses, non-profits and charities are eligible if they meet the criteria → applicants must have suffered at least a 30% decline in revenue
- The number of employees will not be taken into account, in line with best practices in other countries
- Subsidies will be backdated to March 15th
- There will be serious penalties for businesses that take advantage of the subsidy

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- No current estimate on when subsidy will begin
- Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Small Business Minister Mary Ng will be providing more details on Tuesday (tomorrow)
- Review CDHA's [FAQs on Government Supports](#) or visit the government's economic response plan page for full benefit details.

CDHA will continue to share relevant information next week as further government details are announced.

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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.*