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Program	Contact
Cash Flow	
Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) COVID Safety Protocol Project (NADF) - non-repayable contribution for SME's up to \$5,000.00 to assist with the costs related to adapting to new or existing operating protocols.	Contact: Current Account Manager or covid@nadf.org Link: http://www.nadf.org/covid-19-financing#RRRF
Indigenous Community Business Fund (Fed) - funding to support their community-owned businesses whose revenues have been affected by COVID-19.	Link: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1596809415775/1596809469296
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) (Fed) – direct and easy-to-access rent and mortgage subsidy of up to 65% of eligible expenses to qualifying businesses, charities and non-profits. This support is available directly to tenants.	Contact: Via your online business account or 1-800-959-5525 Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-rent-subsidy.html
Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund (Fed) - will provide loans of between \$25,000 and \$250,000 to Black business owners and entrepreneurs so they can grow their businesses.	Contact: info@facecoalition.com or 1 (855) 560-FACE (3223) Link: The Federation of African Canadian Economics (facecoalition.com)
Highly Affected Sector Credit Availability Program (HASCAP) (Fed) – provides businesses heavily impacted by COVID-19, access to guaranteed, low-interest loans of \$25,000 to \$1 million to cover operational cash flow needs. For sectors such as tourism and hospitality, restaurants and those that primarily rely on in-person services.	Contact: Your bank or credit union Link: Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP) Guarantee BDC.ca
Loan Guarantee for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises - Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP), Export Development Canada (EDC) (Fed) - 80% of new operating credit and cash flow terms up to \$6.25 million to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to help cover operational expenses.	Contact: Your bank or credit union Link: EDC Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP) Guarantee EDC
Co-Lending Program for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises BCAP, Business Development Canada (BDC) (Fed) is working with financial institutions to co-lend term loans of up to \$6.25 million to SMEs for their operational cash flow requirements.	Contact: Your bank or credit union Link: BDC Co-Lending Program BDC.ca
Mid-Market Financing Program, Business Development Canada's (BDC) (Fed) will provide commercial loans ranging between \$12.5 million and \$60 million to medium-sized businesses whose credit needs exceed what is already available through the BCAP and other measures.	Contact: Your bank or credit union Link: Mid-Market Financing Program BDC.ca
Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF) (Fed) - bridge financing for Canada's largest employers, whose needs are not being met through other financing for operations.	Contact: leeff-cuge@cdev.gc.ca Link: CEEFC Canada Development Investment Corporation (cdev.gc.ca)
Jobs and Growth Fund (Fed) - funding to businesses and non-profit organizations to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth.	Contact: Regional FedNor Officer Link: http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn04620.html

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<p>Aerospace Regional Recovery Initiative (Fed) - help for the Canadian aerospace sector emerge from the pandemic with the capacity to compete on the global stage.</p>	<p>Contact: Natalie Brabant – Natalie.brabant@ised-isde.gc.ca, 705-626-8897 or Richard Pohler – Richard.Pohler@ised-isde.gc.ca , 844-805-8723 Link: http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/h_fn04622.html</p>
<p>COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB) (Prov) - one time, on-bill credit to eligible small business and registered charity customers to help catch up energy bills.</p>	<p>Contact: Local electricity of natural gas service provider Link: https://www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/covid-19-energy-assistance-programs/covid-19-energy-assistance-program-small</p>
<p>Tax Relief, Deferrals and Regulation Changes</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID -19: Tackling the Barriers - request a temporary rule or regulation change to help them to respond to COVID-19 - https://www.ontario.ca/page/frontline-business-help-us-support-you-during-covid-19 • Tax Deferral & Filing Extensions (Canada Revenue Agency)- https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/covid-19-filing-payment-dates.html • Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments - https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html#_Deferral_of_Sales • Deferral of Customs Duty and Sales Tax for Importers - https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/additional-support-for-canadian-businesses-from-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html#_Deferral_of_Customs • Deferral of Global Adjustment charges for industrial/commercial electricity consumers - http://www.ieso.ca/en/Learn/Electricity-Pricing/What-is-Global-Adjustment • Temporary Doubling of the Employer Health Tax Exemption - https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/annex.html • WSIB Financial Relief Package - WSIB financial relief package • Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit (Prov) - https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/annex.html 	
<p>Workforce</p>	
<p>Canada Recovery Hiring Program (Fed) - hiring program provides alternative support for businesses affected by the pandemic and helps them hire workers, and increase workers' hours or wages, as the economy reopens.</p>	<p>Contact: Regional FedNor Officer Link: Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHP) - Canada.ca</p>
<p>NOHFC People and Talent Program (Prov) – funding to attract, retain and develop Northern Ontario’s workforce.</p>	<p>Contact: Local ENDM Northern Development Advisor - https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/contact-us/contact-service-providers Link: https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program</p>
<p>NRC IRAP (Fed) - Financial support for salary dollars to support technology innovation projects</p>	<p>Contact: Local Industrial Technical Advisor or 1-877-994-4727 Link: https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation/financial-support-technology-innovation-through-nrc-irap</p>
<p>NRC IRAP Youth Employment Program (Fed) – assistance to offset the cost of hiring young talent/graduates to work on projects with R&D, engineering, multimedia or market analysis components or to help develop a new product or process.</p>	<p>Contact: Local Industrial Technical Advisor or 1-877-994-4727 Link: NRC IRAP funding to hire young graduates (canada.ca)</p>
<p>Science and Technology (S&T) Internship Program - Green Jobs (Fed) – wage subsidies to hire and mentor youth in the natural resources sector, including in energy, forestry, mining, earth science, and clean technology.</p>	<p>Link: Green Jobs in Natural Resources (nrcan.gc.ca)</p>
<p>Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) (Fed) - In partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the North Bay area has entered into an agreement to</p>	<p>Contact: Your local employment agency Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/rural-northern-immigration-pilot.html</p>

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help recruit workers to our region with this pilot project. *North Bay, Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste Marie, Thunder Bay	
Agriculture Youth Employment and Skills Program (Fed) - wage subsidy to employers who hire youth for agricultural jobs. The program offers support for 50% of wages to a maximum of \$14,000.	Contact: aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca or 1-866-452-5558 Link: Youth Employment and Skills Program: Step 1. What this program offers Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)
Canada-Ontario Job Grant (Fed/Prov) - provides direct financial support to individual employers or employer consortia who wish to purchase training for their employees.	Contact: Your local employment agency or 1-800-387-5656 or EmploymentHotlineInquiries@ontario.ca Link: http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/coig/
New! RTO 12 Regional Tourism Job Bank: for tourism business located within Algonquin Park, the Almaguin Highlands, Loring-Restoule, Muskoka, Parry Sound or South Algonquin and have job vacancies.	Link: Post a Job - RTO12RTO12 Contact: James Murphy @ james@explorersedge.ca
Tourism SkillsNet North (TSNN) – program that matches, provides training, and subsidizes wages for new staff or rehires into jobs within the northern Ontario tourism sector.	Contact: communications@destinationnorthernontario.ca Link: https://destinationnorthernontario.ca/tsnn/
New! A Three Fires Collaborative Quest Program (ITO) - a program designed to fill critical gaps within the industry and encourage recovery and growth of the province's tourism workforce by bringing awareness of opportunities to potential Indigenous employees.	Contact: Kimberly Gorgichuk @ IBA@IndigenousTourismOntario.ca Link: https://indigenoustourismontario.ca/a-three-fires-collaborative-quest/
Rapid Testing Program (Prov) - participating chambers of commerce and boards of trade will roll out free rapid tests for small- and medium-sized businesses in communities across the province.	Link: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/get-free-rapid-tests Businesses to contact: COVID19Testing@ontariohealth.ca The manufacturing sector to contact: TestingMEDJCT@ontario.ca
COVID-19 worker and employee screening Tool (Prov) -	Link: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/worker/
Second Career Program (Prov) – modified program for those laid off in one of the sectors most impacted by COVID-19 – skills-training and financial support for second career.	Contact: Your Local Employment Services Agency Link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/second-career
Health and Safety Excellence Program (WSIB) (Prov) - rebates on premiums for those employers that have put in place COVID-19 specific protocols and processes.	Contact: Lisa Dupuis, Lisa_Dupuis@wsib.on.ca , 705-491-5376 Link: https://www.wsib.ca/en/healthandsafety
Job Postings Site for Ag Sector in Ontario (Prov) – Post or apply to agri-food jobs to support the response COVID-19.	Link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-and-food-jobs-ontario?fbclid=IwAR05wEebmX85VIE5LGZv8CrWgyYHxkewmBGKEtENHCEoTg66UbykUrv5g0 or https://helpcanadagrow.com/
Step Up to the Plate Job Postings in Agri-food (Fed) - Post or apply to agri-food jobs to support the response to COVID-19.	Link: http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/canadian-agri-food-sector/step-up-to-the-plate-help-feed-canadians/?id=1587057952017
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) Wage Subsidy Program (Fed) – wage subsidy to cover up to 75% of an employee's wages for qualifying eligible employers to keep and re-hire employees and avoid layoffs.	Contact: Online via Personal CRA account or 1-833-966-2099 Link: Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) - Canada.ca

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<p>Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) (Fed) - \$500 per week for up to a maximum of four weeks, for workers who: are unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they contracted COVID-19, self-isolated for reasons related to COVID-19, have underlying conditions, are undergoing treatments or have contracted other sicknesses that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, person in authority, government or public health authority, would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Link: Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) - Canada.ca</p>
<p>Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) (Fed) - \$500 per week for up to 38 weeks per household for workers: unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they must care for a child under the age of 12 or family member because schools, day-cares or care facilities are closed due to COVID-19 because the child or family member is sick and/or required to quarantine or is at high risk of serious health implications because of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Link: Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) - Canada.ca</p>
<p>Canada Child Benefit young child supplement (CCBYCS) (Fed) - providing temporary additional support in 2021 of up to \$1,200 to families with children under the age of six. For those that were entitled to receive the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) in January, April, July or October 2021 to receive the CCBYCS.</p>	<p>Link: CCB young child supplement - Canada.ca</p>
<p>10% Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers (Fed) - three-month relief to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).</p>	<p>Contact: Personal CRA account or 1-833-966-2099 Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/frequently-asked-questions-wage-subsidy-small-businesses.html#h1</p>
<p>Work-Sharing Program (Fed) - income support to employees eligible for Employment Insurance who agree to reduce their normal working hours because of developments beyond the control of their employers and avoid permanent layoffs.</p>	<p>Contact: 1-800-367-5693 Link: Work-Sharing Program – COVID-19 - Canada.ca</p>
<p>Temporary Foreign Worker Program (Fed) – \$1,500 possible for each temporary foreign worker provided to employers or those working with them during COVID 19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Contact: 1-800-367-5693 Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers.html</p>
<p>Ontario Child Care Tax Credit (Prov) - receive a personal income tax credit to help with childcare costs.</p>	<p>Link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-child-care-tax-credit</p>
<p>Mortgage payment deferral (Fed) - Homeowners facing financial hardship may be eligible for a mortgage payment deferral.</p>	<p>Link: COVID-19: Mortgage Payment Deferral CMHC (cmhc-schl.gc.ca)</p>

Health and Safety

Public Health Unit Locator and Contact Information - <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/system/services/phu/locations.aspx>

- **New!** Ministry of Health’s Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations - [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/proof-of-vaccination-guidance-for-businesses-and-organizations-under-the-reopening-ontario-act)
- **New!** Proof of Vaccination Requirements and Resources:
 - Here is the link to [the regulations](#) and [guidance](#) for businesses and organizations to support them in implementing [proof of vaccination requirements](#), which take effect on September 22, 2021.

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- In advance of September 22, all **Ontarians can print or download their vaccination receipt from the [provincial booking portal](#)**. Those who need support obtaining a copy of their vaccination receipt including those who do not have access to a computer or printer can call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.
- [Ontario Releasing Guidance to Support Proof of Vaccination Policy](#)
- [Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings](#)
- [Using your Vaccination Receipt: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Businesses may refer to the following [poster](#) to provide guidance for their patrons on requirements for entry.
- **Those who have questions about COVID-19 vaccines and would like to speak to an experienced agent or health specialist are encouraged to call the Provincial Vaccine Confidence Line that can be accessed through the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre: 1-833-943-3900** (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007). The Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre is available in more than 300 languages, seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).**
- **Guide on Requirements for Temporary Foreign Workers Returning Home** - To support Temporary Foreign Workers returning home, OMAFRA has developed a guide for employers and workers on how to prepare and meet the travel requirements set out by the workers' home countries. The FAQ has been made available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Thai](#) and are posted on our COVID-19 landing pages for [producers](#) and [processors](#).
- **What you need to know about vaccination passport and policy requirements** – provided by WSPS [here](#).
- **New!** Online tool – the **COVID-19 safety builder** can be found at [Ontario.ca/COVIDSafety](#), along with the existing safety plan guide and other helpful resources. The interactive platform can be used to develop custom COVID-19 safety plans.
- **Provincial Workplace PPE Supplier Directory** - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/workplace-ppe-supplier-directory?page=2#no-back>
- **OCE COVID-19 Company Collaborations** – listing of companies providing solutions to address COVID-19. <https://oce-ontario.org/programs/covid-19-collaboration-platform/company-collaborations>
- **Federal PPE Supply Hub** - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/buying-selling-personal-protective-equipment-covid-19-overview/buying-selling-personal-protective-equipment-covid-19-buyers.html>
- **Near North Mitigation Alliance (IION)** – list of companies offering COVID-19 products and service solutions - <https://iion.ca/covid-19/>
- **The Rapid Response Platform** - list of companies offering COVID-19 products and services - <https://www.rrpcanada.org/#/>
- **Training Requirements for joint health and safety committee members** - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/training-joint-health-and-safety-committee-members>
- **Full suite of government educational supports available includes ([covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-help-businesses-ontario](#)):**
- [Free webinars on how to operate a business safely](#), and comply with health and safety requirements, during COVID-19.
- A [free 30-minute online course on infection prevention and control](#) provided by the Public Services Health and Safety Association.
- **Provincial Employment Standards Call Centre (webes@ontario.ca) and Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre (webohs@ontario.ca)** to answer small business health and safety questions.
- **Develop your COVID-19 workplace safety plan** - <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59276/ontario-launches-workplace-education-and-enforcement-campaigns>
- **Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace** - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace>
- **Using masks in the workplace** - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/using-masks-workplace>
- **Occupational health and safety inspections and investigations** - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/occupational-health-and-safety-inspections-and-investigations>
- **Guidance for professional meeting and event facilities during COVID-19:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/guidance-professional-meeting-and-event-facilities-during-covid-19>
- **Guidance for facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities during COVID-19:** https://www.ontario.ca/page/guidance-facilities-sports-and-recreational-fitness-activities-during-covid-19?_ga=2.175392994.136458141.1597699243-513133685.1549641030
- **Return to Play (sports) Protocols:** https://www.ontario.ca/page/return-to-play?_ga=2.139936755.136458141.1597699243-513133685.1549641030
- **Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Pandemic (COVID-19) Worker Tip Sheets** - <https://www.ccohs.ca/products/publications/covid19/>
- **Pandemic Info Share** - <http://pandemic.ccohs.ca/>

WSPS Resources

- [WSPS Covid-19 Site](#)

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- [WSPS Covid Mental Health Resources](#)
- [WSPS Small Business Centre Resources](#)
- [WSPS Post Pandemic Playbook](#)
- [WSPS Pandemic Recovery Return to Business Checklist](#)
- [WSPS Checklist for businesses returning after shutdown](#)

Digital Economy and Communications - Marketing, Website and Tech

Broadband Internet for Remote Areas (BIRA) - 50% reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1500 for the purchase and installation of specialized equipment to achieve the minimum service level of 25mbps download speed/ 5mbps upload speed.	Contact: info@neonet.on.ca or 705-360-1353 Link: https://www.neonet.on.ca/projects/bira/
Business Technology Improvement Fund (BTIF) (Fed) - Grants to support e-business and business tech development and solutions.	Contact: Regional ICTN Staff Link: Regional ICTN Website
Digital Mainstreet - Ontario Grants (Fed/Prov) - \$2,500 to adopt new technologies and digital marketing.	Link: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/ontariogrants/
Digital Mainstreet - Future Proof (Fed/Prov) - identify new markets, pivot business model, develop and implement a digital transformation plan.	Link: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/futureproof/
Digital Mainstreet Transformation Grant - \$2500 for training, advisory support, and contributions to main street small businesses looking increase their capacity through digital transformation and to help improve your online presence.	Link: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/transformation-teams/
Digital Mainstreet Lab - provides project advice, expertise and up to \$25,000 to support pilot projects aimed at solving main street challenges.	Link: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/digital-main-street-lab/
ShopHERE powered by Google funding (Prov/Fed) - helps independent small businesses and artists get online right away.	Link: https://digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere/
Ontario Made Program (Prov) – brand and website for Ontario Manufacturers to post their products.	Link: https://www.supportontariomade.ca/
Invest Ontario (Prov) - new provincial agency and website for businesses and investors looking to grow or establish their businesses in Ontario (i.e. Foreign Direct Investors).	Link: https://www.investinontario.com/
Near North Mitigation Alliance (IION) (Fed) – lists COVID-19 products and service solutions.	Link: https://iion.ca/covid-19/

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Food Processing Sector

Canadian Agricultural Partnership for Food Processors (CAP)(Prov) – partnership funding available to for projects that will enhance economic development and food safety in the sector.	Contact: ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or 1-877-424-1300 Link: Canadian Agricultural Partnership (gov.on.ca)
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<p>Enhanced Agri-Food Workplace Protection Program (Prov) - help for agri-businesses guard against the spread of COVID-19 in agri-food workplaces and address outbreaks that have occurred.</p>	<p>Contact: ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or 1-877-424-1300 Link: http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/agrifoodprogram.htm</p>
<p>Farm Credit Canada COVID-19 Support Program (Fed) – increasing credit availability to producers, agribusinesses, and food processors to offer increased flexibility to address cashflow issues and lost sales.</p>	<p>Contact: Your bank or credit union Link: Program details FCC (fcc-fac.ca)</p>
<p>Canada Brand (Fed) - branding and promotion for/of Canadian food products and producers.</p>	<p>Link: https://marquecanadabrand.agr.gc.ca/intro/index-eng.html</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 and the Food Industry (Fed) - https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/covid19-food-industry.html • Prevention, Control and Outbreak Support Strategy for COVID-19 in Ontario's Farm Workers - http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/preventstrat.htm • Farmers' COVID-19 Toolkit - https://www.ontario.ca/page/working-farm-operators-stop-spread-covid-19-farms • Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) information for industry - https://www.inspection.gc.ca/covid-19/cfia-information-for-industry/eng/1584462704366/1584462704709 • Agriculture Canada COVID-19 Information for industry – http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-information-for-industry/?id=1584732749543 • Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) Resources for COVID-19 - https://www.cfa-fca.ca/resources/resources-on-covid-19/ • OMAFRA - Agriculture and agri-food industry safety during COVID-19 Information for Industry - http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/covid-19.htm • Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) COVID-19 Resources - https://ofa.on.ca/covid-19/ • OFA- A Guide for Direct Sales to Consumers during COVID-19 and Beyond - https://ofa.on.ca/resources/a-guide-for-direct-sales-to-consumers-during-covid-19-and-beyond/ • OFA - Guide to Operating your Essential Farm Business during COVID-19 - https://ofa.on.ca/resources/guide-to-operating-your-essential-farm-business-during-covid-19/ • CFFO COVID-19 Resources • NFU COVID-19 Resources • Union Des Cultivateurs Franco-Ontariens COVID-19 Resources • Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario COVID-19 Programs 	
<p>Tourism, Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Sectors</p>	
<p>Ontario Tourism Recovery Program (OTRP) (Prov) - to help stabilize the province's tourism industry as it recovers from the impacts of COVID-19. Opens October 13, 2021.</p>	<p>Contact: otrp@ontario.ca Link: Ontario tourism recovery program Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (gov.on.ca)</p>
<p>Tourism Relief Fund (Fed) - supports tourism businesses and organizations to adapt their operations to meet public health requirements while investing in products and services to facilitate their future growth.</p>	<p>Contact: Regional FedNor Officer Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/campaigns/covid19/trf.html</p>
<p>Short-Term Compensation Fund for Canadian Audiovisual Productions (STCF) (Fed) - to compensate independent production companies for the lack of insurance coverage for COVID-19-related filming interruptions and production shutdowns in the sector.</p>	<p>Contact: covid-19@telefilm.ca Link: Short-Term Compensation Fund for Canadian Audiovisual Productions (STCF) - Telefilm Canada</p>
<p>Ontario Arts Council (OAC) Northern Arts Grant (Prov) - supports the creation, production and presentation of artwork;</p>	<p>Contact: Alana Forslund, aforslund@arts.on.ca; 807-632-4575 / 1-866-391-2221 Link: https://www.arts.on.ca/grants/northern-arts-projects</p>

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<p>professional development; and community arts engagement initiatives that benefit communities in northern Ontario.</p>	
<p>NOHFC Community Events Stream - supports organizations that host events that increase community profile and promote economic development in Northern Ontario.</p>	<p>Contact: Local ENDM Northern Development Advisor - https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/contact-us/contact-service-providers Link: https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/cultural-supports-program/community-events-stream</p>
<p>#SAFETRAVELS STAMP (Prov/Fed) - to allow travellers to recognize companies around the world who have adopted health and hygiene global standardised protocols – so consumers can experience ‘Safe Travels’.</p>	<p>Link: https://www.tiaontario.ca/cpages/safetravelststamp</p>
<p>Ontario Live (Prov) - a virtual marketplace to help support local artists, operators, attractions and businesses.</p>	<p>Contact: MHTSCI Link: https://ontario.live/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New! Ministry of Health’s Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations - Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act (gov.on.ca) • Website for COVID-19: Travel, quarantine and borders information for Canada: COVID-19: Travel, quarantine and borders - Travel.gc.ca • Arrive Can Mobile App – travellers can use this mobile app to speed up your arrival process in Canada - https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html#ua • Insurance Bureau of Canada: 1-844-2ASK-IBC (1-844-227-5422) • Business Insurance Action Team (BIAT): https://businessinsurancehelp.ca/ • Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA): https://cbsaasfc.gc.ca/services/covid/menu-eng.htm • Website with the Travel Restrictions for Canada: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html • Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Who can travel to Canada – Citizens, permanent residents, foreign nationals and refugees - https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/travel-restrictions-exemptions.html • Tourism HR Canada Workforce Recovery Toolkit - https://www.tourismrecovery.ca/?utm_source=Destination+Canada+News&utm_campaign=0d735500e5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_16_10_22_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_06c402d754-0d735500e5-92266588 • Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada COVID-19 page: https://indigenoustourism.ca/corporate/updates-on-covid-19-coronavirus/ • Indigenous Tourism Ontario COVID-19 page: https://indigenoustourismontario.ca/updates-on-covid-19/ • Destination Canada COVID-19 Page: https://www.destinationcanada.com/en/corporate-news?utm_source=Destination+Canada+News&utm_campaign=65175230b8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_02_09_41&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_06c402d754-65175230b8-92263064 • Destination Canada's Guide for Tourism Operators: Rebuilding Traveller Confidence: the importance of Safety Top of Mind and in Plain Sight: https://destinationcanada.can.chime.live/app/app.html • Destination Ontario (TIAO) COVID-19 page: https://www.tiaontario.ca/cpages/covid19 • Destination Northern Ontario (RTO 13) COVID page: https://destinationnorthernontario.ca/destination-northern-ontarios-statement-on-covid-19/ • Destination Northern Ontario (RTO 13) Reopening page: https://destinationnorthernontario.ca/reopen-the-north/ • Explorer’s Edge (RTO 12) COVID-19 Page: http://rto12.ca/news/additional-covid-19-resources/ • NOTO COVID-19 Page (Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association) - http://noto.ca/COVID19 • NOTO Job Board – post tourism jobs here - https://outfittersnorth.boards.net/board/3/employment-tourism • Tourism Excellence North (TEN) – training solutions to strengthen northern Ontario tourism - https://tourismexcellencenorth.ca/ • Ontario Arts Council COVID-19 page: https://www.arts.on.ca/news-resources/updates/oac-covid-19-updates 	
<p>COVID-19 Call to Action/Innovation</p>	
<p>Ontario Together Program (Prov) – Sell medical supplies, find personal protective equipment (PPE), solve problems, or volunteer to help protect against COVID-19.</p>	<p>Contact: 1-888-777-0554 Link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-your-organization-can-help-fight-coronavirus</p>

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OCE COVID Collaboration Platform Program (Prov) – Support to help fill current product and service gaps tied to COVID-19.	Contact: OCE Staff Link: https://oce-ontario.org/programs/covid-19-collaboration-platform
Calling all suppliers to Help Supply the Federal Government (Fed) – help Canada combat COVID-19.	Contact: Apply Online Link: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/calling-all-suppliers-help-canada-combat-covid-19
ICamp (Public) – technical support, 3D printing, or funding to help support COVID-19 innovations or manufacturers.	Contact: Brad Gavan @ Bradley.Gavan@canadorecollege.ca Link: https://www.canadorecollege.ca/icamp
Manufacturing & Exports	
Ontario Export Services Digital Export Market Development Initiative (DEMEDI) (Prov) - helps new and existing exporters in Ontario use digital tools to continue to create business partnerships and opportunities and adapt to the changing global marketplace.	Link: https://www.ontario.ca/page/grow-your-business-here-and-abroad Questions about exporting? Call Ontario Export Services toll-free within Ontario: ☎ 1-877-GO-TRADE (468-7233)
Northern Ontario Export Marketing Assistance Program 2021 – funding to help support those looking to export and access new foreign markets.	Contact: Elena Zabudskaya, elena.zabudskaya@greatersudbury.ca Link: EMA brochure 2021 EN.pdf (mcusercontent.com)
Excellence in Manufacturing (EMC) - Consortia based non-profit providing support to Northern Ontario manufacturers as need be.	Contact: Kevin McCormick, kmccormick@emccanada.org Link: https://www.emccanada.org/
Manufacturing Recovery Support Program – (Fed/EMB)- coaching program for manufacturers to better understand the current situation they face by identifying and supporting a clear path forward.	Contact: coach@emccanada.org Link: https://www.emccanada.org/events
Global Affairs CanExport Program (Fed) - up to 50K for virtual trade missions, trade shows and ecommerce initiatives.	Contact: CanExportSMEs@international.gc.ca Link: https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/canexport/index.aspx
Other EDC Supports (Fed) – Credit Insurance, Foreign Exchange Facility Guarantee, Export Guarantee.	Contact: Regional EDC Rep. Link: https://www.edc.ca/en/solutions/
CME (Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters): Manufacturing, exporting COVID-19-related resources for Firms	Link: https://cme-mec.ca/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/
Supply Chain Management	
ICamp (Private) – helps innovators and manufacturers tackle issues/connects with supply chain.	Contact: Brad Gavan @ Bradley.Gavan@canadorecollege.ca Link: https://www.canadorecollege.ca/icamp
OCE COVID Collaboration Platform Program (Prov) –to help address production, supply chain or services gaps.	Contact: OCE Staff Link: https://oce-ontario.org/programs/covid-19-collaboration-platform
Other Useful Links	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Centres Ontario – one window resources and supports for businesses - https://www.sbcontario.ca/ • Provincial COVID-19: Help for businesses in Ontario - https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-help-businesses-ontario • Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework: https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open • Provincial Stop the Spread Business Information Line - 1-888-444-3659 • Emergency Information and Orders - https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information • Essential Workplaces List - https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces • Ontario's Action Plan to Support COVID-19 - https://budget.ontario.ca/2020/marchupdate/index.html?_ga=2.28116924.1086849455.1585166885-765986041.1562781557 	

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- **Canada's COVID Economic Response Plan (All Supports- Individuals, Business and Industry)** - <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses>
- **FedDev Small Business Supports - Canada Business Ontario website** - <http://www.cbo-eco.ca/en/>
- **Find COVID-related supports for businesses-** <https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en&lang=eng>
- **Chamber of Commerce Business Resilience Network:** <https://www.canadianbusinessresiliencenetwork.ca/resources/support-for-business/>
- **Canadian Federation of Independent Business COVID Small Business Help Centre –** <https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/small-business-resources-dealing-covid-19>
- **The Ontario Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 resources** - <https://occ.ca/covid19-supportforbusinesses/>
- **New!** **Business Benefits Finder:** https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/innovation/s/?language=en_CA
- **New!** **Grants and funding from the Government of Canada:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/government/grants-funding.html>