

Released July 15th, 2020**Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) Extended!****Federal government extends CEWS to December 2020**

As businesses continue to re-open and bring back their employees, the government's focus remains on helping businesses keep their employees employed while regaining financial stability. The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) covers 75% of wages, up to a weekly maximum of \$847 for employees of eligible companies and non-profit organizations affected by the economic slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The wage subsidy, set to expire at the end of August 2020, has now been extended to December 2020. Currently, in order to meet the eligibility requirements to receive the wage subsidy, business owners must show a 30% reduction in revenue. **New revenue-reduction thresholds are expected to be announced in the following weeks.**

Unsure of whether or not your business should apply for the wage subsidy? *Give us a call to discuss your options!*

Source: www.cbc.ca**Ontario enters Stage 3 of Re-opening Framework**

For many regions of the province, nearly all businesses and public spaces will re-open in Stage 3, starting this Friday, July 17th, 2020. Gathering limits will increase to the following for those regions entering Stage 3:

- Indoor gatherings – maximum of 50 people
- Outdoor gatherings – maximum of 100 people

Regions remaining in Stage 2 will maintain the gathering limit of 10 people.

Note: gathering limits are subject to physical distancing requirements. A two-meter distance must still be maintained. If physical distancing is not possible, wearing a mask is required.

Source: www.ontario.ca**Masks are now mandatory**

- Wearing a mask or face covering is now required in indoor spaces that are accessible to the public in several districts across the province.
- Those who cannot cover their face due to religious or health reasons do not have to wear a mask.
- Businesses are not required to turn away customers who are not wearing a mask, but businesses, organizations and public transit have the right to deny entry.
- Both the public health unit and municipal bylaw officers can enforce these requirements.
- Contact your local health unit for more information.

Source: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org

Image source: Ontario Ministry of Health

Canada – U.S. Border Closures Extended

Canadian and U.S. officials have agreed to keep the border between the two countries closed to non-essential travel until August 21, 2020.

Source: www.ctv.ca**Sector-specific Health & Safety Guidelines, Posters and Tip Sheets**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace>

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

COVID-19 Self-Assessment

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

When and How to Properly Wear a Mask

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>

How to Properly Wash Your Hands

https://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/