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**Special Bulletin: COVID-19 Update**

Dear neighbours and friends,

COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on our community, country and world. There are so many unsung heroes in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam who have stepped up, despite the challenges. It has been truly inspiring to see firsthand the strength and resilience of our community. From the frontline health care workers, to volunteers delivering meals to seniors, our community has come together.

My priority remains to work hard for you, listen to your concerns and ensure you and your family have the support and resources you need. My office and I have virtually met with countless constituents—helping them connect with federal supports and to hear firsthand how our government can better support you. Your feedback is essential in the approach I take as your federal representative.

Our government is here to help and we are unwavering in our commitment to support Canadians. COVID-19 has presented us with an unprecedented situation and calls for an unprecedented response. As such, we have presented an evolving response that adapts to new challenges as they arise.

I hope you, your family and friends are keeping safe during this time. We truly are all in this together. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Yours Sincerely,

Ron McKinnon, MP

**Download the App**

Download the Canada COVID-19 App on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get the most up-to-date information!

**Up-to-Date COVID-19 Information**

[Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus)

**General Info Line**

1-833-784-4397

**Do you have symptoms of COVID-19?**

<https://bc.thrive.health/>

**Mental Health**

For professional mental health support, resources & information:

<https://ca.portal.gs/>

The programs listed below and on the back page are a few of the many supports we have put in place to help Canadians get through the COVID-19 pandemic. To access the full list of available programs, I direct you to visit [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus) for detailed and up-to-date information on our response. If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing these programs, our office is here to help. We are available by email at [ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca) or by phone at 604-926-1080.

**SUPPORTS FOR BUSINESSES**

- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy provides eligible employers with a 75% wage subsidy
- Canada Emergency Business Account provides eligible businesses and non-profits with up to \$40,000 in interest-free loans. If the balance of the loan is repaid before December 31, 2022, businesses will receive loan forgiveness of 25% (up to \$10,000)
- Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance provides forgivable loans to commercial property owners who agree to lower or forgo rent for small businesses
- Businesses can defer GST payments and custom duties until the end of June

**SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES**

- Providing a one-time additional tax-free payment of \$300 per child through the Canada Child Benefit May payment
- Income tax filing deadline deferred until June 1st 2020, and payment deadline extended to September 1st, 2020
- Special Goods and Services Tax Credit one-time payment for low and modest-income families
- Mortgage payment deferral



### SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- Canada Emergency Response Benefit
- ⇒ Provide workers who lost work or are unable to work because of COVID-19 with \$500 per month for up to 24 weeks
- ⇒ Expanded eligibility to allow workers to earn up to \$1000 per month while on CERB
- ⇒ CERB is now available to freelancers, seasonal workers and the self-employed
- Temporary wage top-up for low-income essential workers
- Announced a special one-time-tax payment to individuals with disabilities. Details on the payment are still to come.

### SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

- Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)
- ⇒ Students and recent graduates not eligible for CERB will receive \$1,250 per month, or \$2,000 per month for students with dependents or disabilities
- Doubling the Canada Student Grants program, broadening eligibility for Student Financial Assistance, increasing available work experience, providing up to \$5,000 through the Canada Student Service Grant
- Expand federal employment, skills development, and youth programming to create up to 116,000 jobs

### SUPPORTS FOR SENIORS

- Reduce the minimum withdrawal for Registered Retirement Income Funds by 25% for the rest of 2020
- Provide a one-time tax-free payment of \$300 for seniors eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension, with an additional \$200 for seniors eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and a total of \$500 for Individuals eligible to receive both the OAS and the GIS
- Temporarily extend GIS and Allowance payments if seniors' 2019 income information has not been assessed
- Provide a one-time automatic payment through the Goods and Services Tax Credit of \$375 per adult and \$510 per couple on average. Amount depends on your 2018 income taxes.

## Nominate a Community Champion!

**Who's Your Community Champion?**

Recognize an outstanding neighbour for their contributions to our community

Leaders • Frontline Workers • Teachers  
Parents • Heros • Volunteers • Other

**NOMINATE YOUR CHAMPION TODAY!**

I am thrilled about my annual Community Champions award! It recognizes dedicated leaders and volunteers in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam who work hard to build and better our community. There are many unsung heroes in Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam that make a difference in our lives every day. This is a great way we can show our appreciation and support for our community members.

### Join my Seniors or Youth Councils

Our Constituency Seniors and Youth Advisory Councils are once again open for applications! We are looking to include representatives from different backgrounds, neighbourhoods and local associations.

Our meetings provide a space to voice your perspectives and speak to the issues that matter to you. Applications are opening on a rolling basis. To apply please contact my office at [ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ron.mckinnon@parl.gc.ca)