

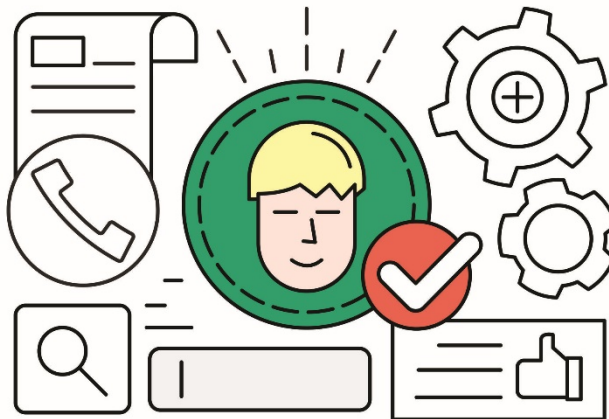
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Notice: The BCEDA COVID19 Bulletin will now be emailed on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays.

#COVID19 Bulletin



Resources for Businesses



Live Resources for BC Businesses Document

Recently Updated:

- [BC Hydro online application for Small Businesses now open](#)
- [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\): Calculate your subsidy amount](#)
- [Shopify expands capital lending program to help Canadian merchants weather COVID-19](#)

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Small Business BC's Marketplace

Are you a small business located in BC that is still open for business? We want to help you!

List and promote your small business on the Marketplace to increase website traffic and support other small businesses.

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Canada

Federal government pledges \$350M to help charities plug holes in funding

We invested \$350 million to support vulnerable Canadians through charities and non-profit organizations that deliver essential services to those in need.

The investment will flow through national organizations that have the ability to get funds quickly to local organizations that serve vulnerable populations.

It will support a variety of activities, such as:

- Increasing volunteer-based home deliveries of groceries and medications
- Providing transportation services, like accompanying or driving seniors or persons with disabilities to appointments
- Scaling up help lines that provide information and support
- Helping vulnerable Canadians access government benefits
- Providing training, supplies, and other required supports to volunteers so they can continue to make their invaluable contributions to the COVID-19 response
- Replacing in-person, one-on-one contact and social gatherings with virtual contact through phone calls, texts, teleconferences, or the Internet



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Resources for Economic Developers & Local Leaders

Economic Response and Restart
Weekly Teleconference for EDOs & Local Leaders

Every Thursday Starting April 2nd

2:00pm to 3:00pm PST - Register to participate

Tomorrow's BCEDA Economic Response & Restart Call

Thursday, April 23

2:00pm to 3:00pm PST

Workforce – Current Situation, Trends and the Future

Hear from guest speakers:

- Trudy Parsons, Executive Vice-President, MDB Insight
- Ken Peacock, Chief Economist and Vice President, Business Council of BC

These weekly calls are hosted by the BC Economic Development Association through the Economic Disaster Recovery Program. It is open to every local, regional and Indigenous government in BC as well as Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures, and others involved in supporting the local economy. We'll share relevant information, facilitate dialog, explore collaboration opportunities and tactics for recovery.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER SOON

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

[Register for the next call](#)



What BC Communities Are Doing

Quesnel opens Business Support Hotline

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Abbotsford Business Community Coalition (ABCC) launched to support local businesses

[More info](#)

District of Sicamous offers grants of up to \$2000 to help non-profits through COVID-19

[More info](#)



Webinar: COVID-19 Retail Solutions

Thursday, April 23

11:00am PST

Create a virtual downtown by taking retail to an online marketplace platform

Traditional retailers were already challenged by online competition. COVID-19 forced many to close their doors to customers, but the local BIA championed a solution. Downtown Belleville was planning to try an online marketplace solution in 2021 when COVID-19 forced them to revise plans and launch a solution in April 2020.

Learn about the front-end and back-end challenges as the system was put in place in less than a month.

[Register](#)