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#COVID_19 Bulletin: March 16, 2020

[BCEDA #COVID19 Resources for BC Businesses Guide](#)

All of these updates are now located in one document. This shareable, live guide is being continually updated with the most relevant information, tools and resources for the BC business community. [Click here to view.](#)

[COVID-19 Business Impact Survey](#)

The BC Chamber of Commerce—in partnership with Small Business BC, Community Futures British Columbia, and British Columbia Economic Development Association - BCEDA—is urgently seeking your input around current and contemplated impacts to businesses due to the #COVID_19 pandemic.

Your feedback will be sent directly to the provincial and federal governments to inform how they can help businesses mitigate the damage of this global market disruption, and recover.

The survey will take under ~4 minutes to complete (follow the progress bar below). **Survey will close Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 PST**

Please share this exact link with your business community (note: do not copy and paste from your browser or the link will break)

<https://www.bcmindreader.com/c/r/covid-impact-survey-2020-bceda>

[New BCEDA Resource: Community Tips for Response and Recovery](#)

We want to keep you informed of the steps BCEDA is taking to be able to provide you with as many resources as possible, along with also providing you some tips to help in what will no doubt be a long economic recovery. The tips below are designed for various phases of this disaster – some are immediate and some you would implement once the declaration of

the pandemic has been removed.

Western Economic Diversification Canada: COVID-19 and the Western Canadian Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic has created economic challenges around the world. Western Economic Diversification Canada is working as a trusted partner with local businesses to mitigate those challenges. Below is a pamphlet describing the approach WD and the other Regional Development Agencies are taking to keep Canada's economy stable. If you are a tourism operator or small- or medium- sized business or organization and have received RDA funding and COVID-19 is affecting your operations, you are encouraged to contact your local RDA office.

Your local RDA office can review your situation and provide guidance:

- You may be eligible to receive additional funding and/or flexible arrangements.
- Further support will be determined on a case-by-case basis as the situation evolves.

If you are a tourism operator or small- or medium- sized business or organization impacted by the sudden shifts in the economy and need pressing assistance, the RDAs could assist you with:

- Access to federal funding to help you stay in business.
- Advice and pathfinding services to other federal programs and services available.

Western Economic Diversification Canada - 1-888-338-WEST (9378)

[Small Business BC: Resources for Small Businesses Affected by Coronavirus](#)

Small Business BC and the B.C. Government Small Business Branch have prepared a joint informational electronic resource that provides a checklist of considerations that small businesses can use to help minimize the impacts of COVID-19 to their employees and operations.

[Continuity Checklist for Small Business](#)

[WavTeg Webinar: Coronavirus Impact on Global FDI in 2020](#)

March 19, 2020 - 9:00am PST

This free to attend webinar, led by Wavteq's CEO, Dr Henry Loewendahl will outline the implications of the Coronavirus on FDI in 2020 and what EDOs/IPAs can do to mitigate the associated risks. [Register here.](#)