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#COVID_19 Bulletin: March 21, 2020

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Newly Updated:

- Temporary Wage Subsidy
- Community Futures

[Government of Canada: Temporary wage subsidy for employers](#)

As part of the Government of Canada's commitment to supporting businesses, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government announced a temporary wage subsidy for employers for a period of three months. Effective immediately, eligible employers (non-profit organizations, charities, and certain Canadian Controlled Private Corporations) that pay remuneration to an employee, such as salary, wages, or taxable benefits, on or after March 18th and before June 20th, are permitted to reduce remittances of federal, provincial, or territorial income tax by the amount of the subsidy. This measure is only applicable to remittances made to the CRA.

Which employers are eligible?

You are an eligible employer if you:

- are a non-profit organization, registered charity, or a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC);
- have an existing business number and payroll program account with the CRA on March 18, 2020; and
- pay salary, wages, bonuses, or other remuneration to an employee.

Note: CCPCs are only eligible for the subsidy if their taxable capital employed in Canada for the preceding taxation year, calculated on an associated group basis, is less than \$15 million.

The Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers is limited to the eligible employers listed above.

[Read the FAQs](#)

Public Health Orders

[March 21, 2020: Dr. Bonnie Henry orders personal service providers including salons, spas, massage parlours, tattoo shops, etc. to close.](#)

[Ian Holliday, CTVNewsVancouver.ca](#) - British Columbia's top doctor is **ordering all personal service establishments - such as salons and spas - in the province to close.** Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the change at the province's daily briefing on the COVID-19 pandemic Saturday.

[March 20, 2020: BC's top doctor bans dine-in guests at restaurants around the province](#)

[Ashley Wadhvani, Victoria News](#) - B.C.'s top doctor has **ordered that all restaurants across the province must close its doors to dine-in guests and move to only take-out or delivery services** until further notice.

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the order during the daily health briefing on Friday, March 20, as health officials confirmed 77 new COVID-19 cases in the province, bringing the total number of cases to 348.

This is Henry's third order since declaring the novel coronavirus pandemic a public health emergency earlier this week. Earlier this month she **banned large events with more than 50 attendees.** This week she ordered that **all bars and nightclubs shut down.**

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