

Support for Businesses & Employees During COVID-19

What government support and financial assistance is available for my business and my staff? Visit these websites for more detailed information on the funding available:

- Government of Canada - [Resources for Canadian Businesses COVID-19](#)
- BDC - [Support for Entrepreneurs Impacted by COVID-19](#)
- Employment and Social Development Canada - [Employment Insurance and Labour and Occupational Health and Safety. Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Government of Canada, Department of Finance - [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses](#)
- BDC and Export Development Canada - Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP)
 - [Small Business Loan](#): Up to \$100,000 can be obtained online.
 - [Working capital loan](#): For loans over \$100,000 and can support everyday operations.
- [Purchase Order Financing](#): Loans to fulfill domestic or international orders.

If you have specific questions about applying for funding, BDC can be reached at the toll-free number: 1-877-232-2269 Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). They also have an [online assessment tool](#).

Where do I find resources to help with my business during the pandemic?

The below resources offer business development supports and tools to help you:

- Export Development Canada - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Managing the impact on global supply chains](#)
- BDC - [Business Continuity Plan and Templates for Entrepreneurs](#)
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety - [Business Continuity Guide](#)
- Biz Launch - [Webinar - Cash Flow Management Strategies for Small Business](#)
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS) - [Business Pandemic preparedness Checklist](#)
- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce - [Pandemic Planning for Business](#)

What businesses are required to close due to COVID-19?

The province has enacted a [declaration of emergency](#) to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public. As a result, some establishments are required to close immediately, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus#section-1> for an up to date list.

For the most up to date provincial information about COVID-19, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Other Government Support and Financial Assistance

- Government of Canada - [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Government of Canada - [Resources for Canadian Businesses COVID-19](#)
- Government of Canada - [Measures to support the economy and the financial sector](#)
- Government of Canada - [Employment Insurance Benefits and Leave](#)
- Government of Canada - [Canada Business App](#)

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- BDC - [Small Business Loan](#) [Working Capital Loan](#) [Purchase Order Financing](#)
- Employment and Social Development Canada - [Employment Insurance and Labour and Occupational Health and Safety. Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Government of Canada, Department of Finance - [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses](#)
- Province of Ontario - [Employment Standards Amendment Act](#), [Job protection for workers during COVID-19 situation](#)
- Hydro One - [Pandemic Relief Fund](#) For Customers

Other Pandemic (COVID-19) Preparedness Resources for Businesses

World Health Organization

Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/getting-workplace-ready-for-covid-19.pdf>

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Pandemic Preparedness for Business

<http://www.chamber.ca/resources/pandemic-preparedness/>

Government of Canada

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Resources for Canadian businesses

<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/campaign-campagne/ressources-entreprises-COVID-19-business-resources.aspx?lang=eng>

Centers For Disease Control (USA)

Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers: Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

U.S. Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

Public Health Agency of Canada

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [General Information]

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>