



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - Phase 3 Target Date Announced!

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

Prime Minister's Remarks to Business:

- Yesterday the Prime Minister made remarks about the support programs available to business during these unprecedented times. He is encouraging business to take advantage of the programs available, noting the government wants to see everyone survive this crisis. Read his **REMARKS HERE**.

Government Support for Large Businesses:

- Minister Bill Morneau revealed more details of the previously announced monies to support the largest businesses in the country in the midst of the pandemic.
- The program is known as the **Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility** or **LEEFF**.
- The purpose of the program is to help support Canadian jobs and to help the largest businesses weather the COVID-19 storm.
- Financing for **LEEFF** will be made available through the Canada Development Investment Corporation, whose website can be found **HERE**.
- The news release is found here at: **LEEFF**.

Additional Funding for Indigenous Peoples Living Off Reserve:

- Today the Prime Minister announced \$75M in additional funding to support community based projects that address critical needs, including food security, mental health supports, sanitation and protective equipment.
- It could also be used to support supplementary needs such as Elders, transportation, and educational materials for children and youth.
- See PM's **RELEASE HERE**.

Provincial Government:

Phase 3 Target Date Set for June 8th :

- The provincial government has just announced that the target date for the opening of Phase 3 is set as June 8th, 2020. **RELEASE HERE**. This time window provides these businesses with time to prepare, gather PPE and make the physical distancing requirement needed for their business.
- Phase 3 includes the opening of: gyms and fitness facilities, restaurants and licensed establishments (at a 50% capacity for in house service); childcare facilities and places of worship. Along with these, the remaining personal services that include: estheticians; tattoo artists; make-up applicators; electrologists; manicurists; pedicurists; sun tanning parlours; facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided; and other personal service facilities can open in Phase 3.
- Also the size of indoor and private gatherings can increase to 15, and outdoor gatherings can increase to 30 people.
- Guidelines for specific types of businesses in this Phase are yet to be released, but many can start their work to prepare.

Other Announcements and Supports:

Canadian Business Resilience Network (CBRN):

- The **Canadian Chamber of Commerce** through the CBRN has just launched **Re-Opening Canada's Economy - A National Guide for Business**. Available online at: **CBRN.ca**
- The **CBRN.ca** will (effective tomorrow) have the information, programs and materials etc., available there in French, in order for french speaking entrepreneurs and business owners to access the materials.

Advocacy work at the national, provincial and local level for businesses continues.

The Battlefords Chamber of Commerce has put together a **Back-to-Business Tool Kit** and released it to members yesterday via email. Please be sure to review the material. The **Back-to-Business Tool Kit** can be found at **battlefordschamber.com**, and click the link.

Also, the Saskatchewan Chamber has released its guidelines for re-opening office workplaces. See the **DOCUMENT HERE**.

What a HOT TOPIC the **CECRA - Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance** program seems to have become. The **Canadian Chamber of Commerce** continues to advocate with government on this key issue for business. On a national network conference call today, leaders were discussing the sense of pessimism about the program, but also opined that if another month with no rent goes by, would landlords be more willing to make a deal. Very interesting discussion, and no doubt more will follow in the coming days and weeks as we near June 1st. The application window opens on May 25th, 2020 at: **CMHC**. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is the group tasked with administering this program for government. We will report any updates as they become available.

We are working for you! If you require additional information or need support to connect, please call the Chamber office in North Battleford at (306)445-6226.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are in close contact with the federal, provincial and municipal governments on many issues. We will do our best to keep you informed and up-to-date. Stay tuned, and follow the Chamber network.

#TogetherWeStandSK

The provincial launch has taken place this week for the #TogetherWeStandSK program. No doubt you have started to see and hear commercials on television, radio, or on social media.

Next week the print media will have their first inserts as well. Members will be given the opportunity to utilize the media materials for their own websites, social media, etc., so watch for those materials coming your way.

RESOURCES YOU NEED

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

CBRN micro-site has all the information, tools and resources businesses need to manage through COVID-19 pandemic.

Government of Canada:

Department of Finance website:
Finance Dept. Here

CRA Website [HERE](#)

Government of Saskatchewan:

Visit [Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](https://saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) here!

The "Business Response Team". Contact them by phone or email. Phone # 1-844-800-8688
Website

For information on the **State of Emergency in Saskatchewan.**

See Media Release here: Order extended on May 13th, 2020.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Resources for Business
Website Here



Canadian Business Resilience Network - Resources You Need

Get the most up-to-date information on **Re-Opening the Economy;**
Tips and Advice;
Financial Support;
Recovery

See the Chamber's new micro-website



Monday Minute

Monday Minute provides up-to-the minute information on key Chamber of Commerce activities, advocacy and events. Recorded each Monday, it is distributed to Chamber members via email, and is available on the Chamber's website.

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Chambers Plan has announced an extension on the adjustments of premium for May as well! Great news for plan members. 50% of Dental, 10% of Ext. Health. See your June Statement.



Chamber Network Working for You!



As a valued member of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce, you have access to the chamber network. The Canadian and Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce and of course our local resources are here to support you. Stay up-to-date on COVID-19 and other key business issues.

We will be working reduced hours, but will still be available to members and organizations who require assistance.



Email us today!



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