



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - The Masks are On!

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

New Proposed Law to Better Protect Canadians' Privacy:

- The Hon. Navdeep Bains introduced the proposed Digital Charter Implementation Act, 2020, which modernizes the framework for the protection of personal information in the private sector.
- The legislation takes a number of important steps to ensure that Canadians will be protected by a modern and responsive law and that innovative businesses will benefit from clear rules, even as technology continues to evolve.
 - See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

Provincial Government:

Public Health Measure In Effect November 19th, 2020:

- The following measures came in to effect at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, November 19th, 2020:
 - Mandatory Masking Province-wide
 - Masks are now required in all public indoor spaces.
 - Protecting Residents in Long-Term and Personal Care Homes
 - Private Indoor Gathering Sizes Reduced to 5
 - Work From Home, wherever and whenever possible

- Reviewing Hospitality Industry Guidelines
- Reviewing Athletic Organization and Recreation Guidelines
- Reviewing Worship Guidelines
- Update to Re-Open Saskatchewan for Entertainment Transportation.
- Most of these new measures will be reviewed in advance of a December 17th deadline date for review by the Chief Medical Health Officer. .
- See **RELEASE** Here.

Additional Public Health Measures Announced:

- Saskatchewan notes in their news release that we are "back to the basics" to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- Measures included:
 - Mandatory Masking Extended
 - Alcohol Service Curfew for Licensed Establishments
 - Safe Schools Plan - Level 3
 - Updates to Fitness Classes
- See **RELEASE** Here.

New Phase of Temporary Wage Supplement Program:

- Saskatchewan announced a new phase of the Saskatchewan Temporary Wage Supplement Program targeted to workers in long-term care facilities, personal care homes, and integrated healthcare facilities, as well as for home care workers providing care to seniors in their homes.
- Effective November 19th, 2020, employees will be eligible for an additional \$400 per month for 2 months regardless of income level.
- See **RELEASE** Here.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Working From Home Expenses for Canadians:

- The Canadian Chamber together with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business are calling for the government to streamline employer certification for working-from-home expenses for Canadians.
- Among other things they are urging the federal government to waive the requirement for employers to fill out T2200 forms for the 2020 tax year.
- See **RELEASE** Here.

Need for Coherent and Consistent Approach to Fight Against COVID-19:

- Open Letter to the Premiers: The Canadian Chamber is asking for the provincial leadership to make sound choices they believe should guide our collective response to COVID-19: They include the following principles:
 1. Be consistent, particularly with regard to mask use and social gatherings;
 2. Provide as much detail as possible;
 3. Avoid blanket approaches;
 4. Support the hardest hit;
 5. Share best practices.
- The Chamber recognizes the difficult task of balancing saving lives and saving livelihoods. Charting a path forward that protects Canadians' health as well as our economic well-being is the challenge.
- See New **RELEASE** Here.

**Award Recipients at the
27th Annual "BBEX Goes To The Movies" Awards included:**
Everyday Heroes: Discovery Co-operative Ltd.
Community Support: Non-Profit Battlefords United Way
Community Support: Business Comfort Inn & Suites
Heather Guthrie Customer Service Star Awards:
Individual / Employee category:
Chad Gartner of Innovation Credit Union
Business Owner / Entrepreneur category:
Lhey Tayer and Chyrs Barrinuevo of Cafe 4 U
Business Resilience: Non -Profit Battlefords Interval House
Business Resilience: Business Blend Restaurant & Bar

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RESOURCES YOU NEED

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Government of Saskatchewan:

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

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

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 the **Public Health Orders** in place
November 19th, 2020 on the government
website.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:
Resources for Business
Website Here



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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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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.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are working overtime to ensure that all of the key information, policy initiatives and business issues and solutions are at your fingertips. Call if you have any questions or require a referral # or contact.



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