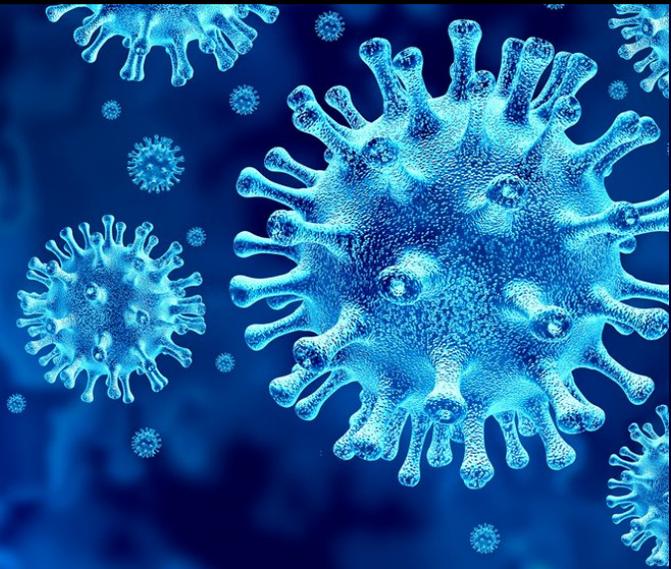


ST. JOHN'S

# COVID-19 UPDATE



### Government of Canada - Covid-19 Support Programs

To support small businesses and those impacted during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada has established the following measures:

**Canada's Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)** – may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

**Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** - wage subsidy of 75% for the first \$58,700 normally earned by employees – representing a benefit of up to \$847 per week. Eligible employers would include employers of all sizes and across all sectors of the economy.

**Business Credit Availability Program** - to provide \$65 Billion of additional support through the Business Development Bank of Canada and Export Development Canada.

While also extending the Work-Sharing program & allowing businesses to defer GST/HST payments. For a full roundup of relevant supports, **visit [Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)**;

**This page covers:**

[Support for individuals](#)

[Support for businesses](#)

[Support for industries](#)

To review what businesses are permitted to operate, under the Provincial (NL) order, during the Covid-19 pandemic refer to the Gov of NL [Covid-19 Information Page](#).

**Help Canada combat Coronavirus disease** - Are you a business that can supply products and services in support of Canada's response to COVID-19?

Canada wants to hear from suppliers about their ability to provide products and services – [learn more here](#)

### How has Covid-19 affected your business?

Canada wants to hear from Canadian business owners to better understand and measure the impact of Covid-19 on operations. The Canadian Survey on Business Conditions is an opportunity for business owners to ensure their voices are heard at decision-making tables across the country during this pandemic -

**Have your voice heard - take the survey!**

## **Employers of Temporary Foreign Workers Regarding Covid-19**

Like all Canadians, most temporary foreign workers entering Canada are required to follow certain obligations, including self-isolation (visit the Resources section of [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus) to learn more).

## **City of St. John's Accepts Permit Applications Remotely**

The City of St. John's is committed to providing core services to residents and businesses, as our staff practice social distancing. Most are working from home with access to email.

At this time, the best way to submit your application, permits and nomination to the City is by email. All forms for application and permits can be found [HERE](#). You can find the appropriate email address at the bottom of each form.

Development Applications and Building Permits; for assistance while completing these forms call 576-8220. Commonly used forms, or those currently open for opportunities, are:

[PER 3003 - Building/Development Application](#)

[PER 3212 - New Home Construction, Renovation and Extension Permit](#)

[PER 3210 - Electrical Permit](#)

[PER 3211 - Plumbing Permit](#)

[PER 3002 - Application to Connect](#)

[PER 3108 - Heritage Financial Incentives Program](#)

**If as part of your business with the City you must speak with a staff member, contact - Access St. John's;**

- Dial 311 or 709-754-CITY (2489)
- Email: [access@stjohns.ca](mailto:access@stjohns.ca)

Make a payment using a credit card or debit-credit card by calling 311 or 754-CITY (2489). Do not include credit card information on application forms or in an email.

## **Water Street Construction Project to Proceed**

The Water Street construction project between Ayre's Cove and Cliff's Baird's Cove is proceeding as scheduled from April to June 2020. Occupational Health and Safety measures will be implemented based on the latest guidelines recommended for COVID-19.

Property owners and business owners in the construction area can contact the **Water Street Business Liaison** by email at [waterstreetliaison@stjohns.ca](mailto:waterstreetliaison@stjohns.ca) with questions or concerns.

A traffic detour began on Monday, April 6 and section of Water Street (Bishop's Cove to Cliff's Baird's Cove) will be converted to one-way for eastbound traffic, [see attached map](#).

## **Impact Support for Residents & Businesses from the City of St. John's**

### **City of St. John's, Tax Relief:**

Effective immediately, the City will not be charging interest on residential and commercial property taxes and water tax (Up to and including August 31, 2020).

Commercial property vacancy allowance claim has been extended. Claims for the first quarter, typically due on April 30th are not due until May 31, 2020.

### **If you have questions about these tax relief measures,**

**Call: 709-576-8251**

**Email: [taxation@stjohns.ca](mailto:taxation@stjohns.ca)**

The City will continue to issue tax bills, however there will be no interest charges on late payments.

Property owners that have their tax and mortgage payments combined must

Commercial tax bills for the second quarter normally sent in May, will now be sent in June.

contact their banking institutions to discuss options regarding tax relief and or mortgage deferrals.

## Businesses can continue to contact the City

### We're here -

While The Welcome Centre, at 348 Water Street is closed to the public -

Businesses may continue to contact - [\*\*business@stjohns.ca\*\*](mailto:business@stjohns.ca) or dial **709-576-8107**

To contact the City's Arts & Cultural Development Coordinator - [\*\*arts@stjohns.ca\*\*](mailto:arts@stjohns.ca)

Tourists may continue to contact - [\*\*tourism@stjohns.ca\*\*](mailto:tourism@stjohns.ca) or dial: **709-576-8106**

All public meetings and special events hosted by the City are suspended. For information on special events contact - [\*\*specialevents@stjohns.ca\*\*](mailto:specialevents@stjohns.ca)

To contact the St. John's Local Immigration Partnership  
Email: [\*\*immigration@stjohns.ca\*\*](mailto:immigration@stjohns.ca)

## Remote Learning Opportunities during Covid-19

St. John's Board of Trade - [On Demand](#)

NLOWE – Women in Business - [Virtual Coffee Break](#)

Business and the Arts NL - [COVID-19 Resources for Artists](#)

Restaurants Canada - [series of free webinars](#)

Conference Board of Canada - [Best Practices; Return to Work and Covid-19](#)

CBRE Commercial Real Estate Update -[Virtual Series](#)

## Online Wellbeing Resources

Gov of NL - [Mental Health & Wellness](#)

Gardiner Centre – [Mindful Moment](#)

Yale University – [The Science of Wellbeing](#)

LinkedIn Learning - Manage Stress and Build Mindfulness into your 'New Normal' – [6 Free Courses](#)

## Further Support & Resources from the Federal, Provincial (NL) & Municipal Government(s)

### Government of Canada

Covid-19 [Information Page](#)

Covid-19 [Economic Response Plan](#)

[Resources](#) for Canadian Businesses

[Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#) (ISED)

[Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency](#) (ACOA)

[Business Development Bank of Canada](#) (BDC)

### Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

[Covid-19 Information Page](#)

[Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation](#)

### Regional Municipalities

[City of Mount Pearl](#)

[Conception Bay South](#)

[Town of Paradise](#)

[Town of Portugal Cove - St. Phillips](#)

[Town of Torbay](#)

## Further Support & Resources Across Industries & Associations:

**APEC** - Atlantic Provinces Economic Council - [Click here](#)

**BOT** - St. John's Board of Trade - [Click here](#)

**CBA** - Conception Bay Area Chamber of Commerce - [Click here](#)

**MPCC** - Mount Pearl Chamber of Commerce - [Click here](#)

**CFIB** - Canadian Federation of Independent Business - [Click here](#)

**PLA** - Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador - [Click here](#)

**NOIA** - Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Industry Association - [Click here](#)

**NATI** - Newfoundland Association of Technology & Innovation - [Click here](#)

**NEIA** - Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industries Association - [Click here](#)

**NLCA** - Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association - [Click here](#)

**HNL** - Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador - [Click here](#)

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