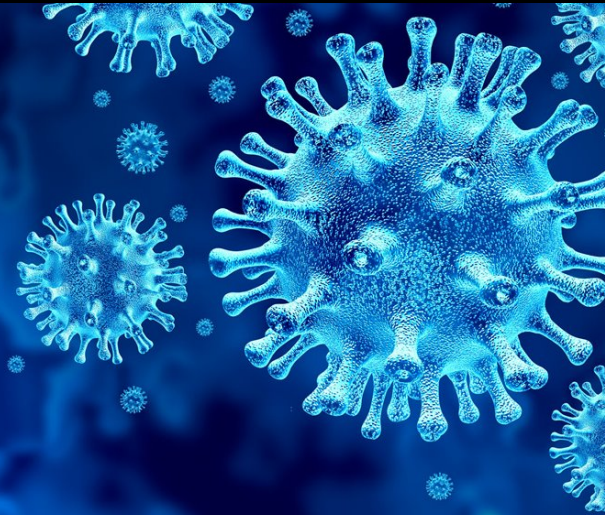


## BUSINESS RESOURCE & INFORMATION HUB

ST. JOHN'S

# COVID-19 UPDATE



### Meet with the City of St. John's Development Team Virtually

The Department of Planning, Engineering and Regulatory Services continues to receive and process applications through a [virtual process](#).

For those considering construction or development projects, but may not be ready to formally apply, the City's Development Team is available to meet virtually on Wednesdays during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The [Development Team](#) brings together staff from various departments to provide you specific site information and discuss City requirements in a confidential setting. If you would like to arrange a telephone meeting with the Development Team email [planning@stjohns.ca](mailto:planning@stjohns.ca).

For assistance with [Development Applications and Building Permits](#) call 576-8220.

### Waste Management Facility & City parks back in circulation

Beginning on Tuesday, May 19, the Residential Drop Off at Robin Hood Bay will now accept bulk garbage items; this is in addition to bagged garbage and metal, announced May 11. Access will be restricted to respect physical distancing requirements - please anticipate longer than normal delays.

Robin Hood Bay will accept yard waste beginning May 25. Full details [here](#).

[Municipal parks in St. John's](#) have reopened for walk-through only.

Community gardens are also open, but with certain restrictions in place.

### Introducing 'The NeighbourGood' - For the Greater Good of our Community!



There has never been a more important time to [shop right here!](#)

Features an online hub of local businesses who have moved to online ordering at this time.

*Support our collective community -*

Buy local - Order from local businesses online - Purchase

As we adapt to online shopping, home delivery, and curbside pick-up, please support our business community and economy - so that once this pandemic is over, we can all continue to thrive.

gift certificates now to use later - Order meals for takeout or delivery - Send messages of support on social media!

## Government of Canada - Covid-19 Support Program Updates:

### Regional Relief and Recovery Fund

The Government of Canada recognizes that some businesses and organizations have not been able to access all Federal emergency support measures. That is why it created the \$962 million Regional Relief and Recovery Fund to address these gaps.

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Atlantic Association of Community Business Development Corporations are distributing the \$110 million allotted to Atlantic Canadian businesses and communities.

The Federal Government is also expanding the Business Credit Availability Program for mid-sized companies, which will include loans of up to \$60 million and guarantees of up to \$80 million.

The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) has been expanded to include many owner-operated small businesses. The changes to the CEBA will allow more Canadian small businesses to access interest free loans that will help cover operating costs during a period when revenues have been reduced, due to the pandemic.

### Large Employer Emergency Financing

The Federal Government has announced a Large Employer Emergency Financing facility bridge loan for businesses across industry sectors, including not-for-profit businesses, like airports, to help them support their operations and employees.

The program is for large companies, except those in the financial sector, with an annual revenue of about \$300 million, with significant operations or workforce in Canada.

### Increase Wage Support Coming for Essential Workers

Ottawa has reached a \$4-billion deal with the provinces to help boost the wages of essential workers. The Federal Government will be contributing \$3 billion while the provinces and territories make up the remainder.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will participate, with further details to be released soon.

## Government of Newfoundland and Labrador - Updates



**Information Sheets for Businesses and Workplaces** - compiling useful information on **Alert Level 4** as well as sector specific guidelines. Learn more [here](#).

A Business Response Team has been established to support businesses as they prepare to re-open.

Businesses who have questions will be able to email [covid19info@gov.nl.ca](mailto:covid19info@gov.nl.ca) or call 1-833-771-0696

### NLC Shifts to Support Local Businesses

The Newfoundland Liquor Corporation (NLC) is waiving or reducing fees and taxes to help restaurants and lounges that sell alcohol. The sale of alcohol will be permitted with takeout orders. In addition, the NLC will allow brewers, wineries and distilleries the ability to offer home delivery.

## Opportunities & Further Supports

### Accelerated Ocean Solutions Program – Canada's Ocean Supercluster

Canada's Ocean Supercluster (OSC) has launched a Call for Proposals under its new Accelerated Ocean Solutions Program. Through the program, the OSC will invest up to \$35 million in short-term ocean projects to help continue to build resiliency in ocean sectors during this challenging time. This will supplement the OSC's core programs in Technology Leadership and Innovation Ecosystem, and is intended to trigger additional industry investment in innovation, capability-building, and helping build resilience in the ocean economy. Deadline to apply is May 22, 2020 @ 2:00pm ATL.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### MITACS Boosts Funding for Small Business

Need to pivot post-Covid, roll out a new business model, or a new product or service?

Mitacs is working to help businesses connect with highly trained researchers and students. For a limited time, Mitacs is covering 75% of a research project's cost.

**Get started and [submit your proposal by July 1](#).**

### Stingray Media - Stimulus Plan

Stingray has announced the establishment of an economic stimulus plan to provide a minimum of \$15 million in radio advertising grants to local businesses in markets across Canada where Stingray operates local radio stations.

Stimulus grants will range from a minimum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$100,000 in radio advertising per business. **Further details can be found [here](#).**

### Consider Donating Old Laptops, Tablets, Smartphones

NATI is helping facilitate donations through the tech sector and its membership - If you have laptops, tablets or smartphones that you or your organization are not using, consider donating them to the less fortunate in our community.

If you have anything you would like to donate email [info@nati.net](mailto:info@nati.net) for further details



Do you know of a business or organization that is helping in the fight against Covid-19?

Have you heard of a business that is adapting to provide pandemic solutions? – Share these stories of ingenuity with Canada and the world - **#CanadaResilient**

### ClearRisk's Complimentary Pandemic Risk Management Solution to Support Canadian Organizations

ClearRisk™, a leading risk management cloud-based software company based in St. John's, have developed a [Pandemic Risk Management Solution](#) which they're willing to share at no cost with other Canadian organizations to help manage the challenges of Covid-19.

ClearRisk will provide training and customer support for organizations interested to enable them to streamline data collection and reporting through a mobile-friendly web portal, creating a proactive environment to reduce the impact on your staff and the general public.

### Virtual Event Listings

[Big Green Ideas for Atlantic Canada's Economic Recovery](#)

[BlueTech Global Connect Webinar Series](#)

[Navigating COVID-19: What safe business operations look like & how to get there](#)

[BDC, Planning for recovery: How to restart your business in the wake of COVID-19](#)

[St. John's Board of Trade, A Conversation with Minister Ng](#)

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

### Government of Canada

[Covid-19 Information Page](#)

[Covid-19 Economic Response Plan](#)

[Resources](#) for Canadian Businesses

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

[Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety \(CCOHS\)](#)

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

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

**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](#)

### Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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[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](#)

**OA** - Oceans Advance - [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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