



MARCH 23, 2020 DAILY UPDATES

TO OUR VALUED MEMBERS:

As we begin our second week of daily updates, we have decided to change our format. While it remains our goal to provide you with concise, up-to-date, daily information in a quick and easy to read format, we have tried to make the updates less formal and more enjoyable during this difficult situation. Below are some important local links for continued updates.

[Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)
[Town of Huntsville COVID-19 Information and Updates](#)
[Township of Lake of Bays COVID-19 Updates](#)
[Township of Lake of Bays COVID-19 Business Resources](#)
[District of Muskoka COVID-19 Updates](#)
[Huntsville Doppler COVID-19 Updates](#)



TOURISM REPORT

The Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) keeps a tourism focused [update page](#) on their website. They have also published the results of their first industry survey. The [summary report](#) will be used to inform decisions made by government to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on tourism.

Our Regional Tourism Operator, RTO-12/Explorers' Edge, keeps an updated [list of resources](#) for tourism operators. As well, they encourage everyone to fill out their latest survey which can be found in their most [recent update](#).



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced this morning that the Federal Government will be implementing a \$5 billion credit program to support farmers. He also announced \$192 million in new funding for the development and production of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Federal Government website now has a page devoted to the temporary wage subsidy for employers. With a [frequently asked questions](#) format, the page is designed to help employers figure out if they are eligible for the subsidy and how to calculate and apply.

Prime Minister Trudeau also spoke about the need for Canadians to be vigilant about social distancing and self-isolation. In a candid speech he said "Enough is enough. Go home and stay home. This is what we all need to be doing, and we're going to make sure this happens, whether by educating people more on the risks, or by enforcing the rules, if that's needed. Nothing that could help is off the table." This comment comes after Trudeau urged Canadians to, "follow the recommendations of our public health officials. We have to trust them and we have to listen." The Government has a web page dedicated to [prevention and risks](#) that all citizens should read.



PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The Government of Ontario has launched a new business website named [Ontario Together](#). The website is designed to remove barriers allowing Ontario's manufacturing sector to re-deploy capacity towards the production of essential equipment like ventilators, masks and swabs. The interactive site also allows for dialogue between business and government in the area of supply-chain innovation.

The Ontario Ministry of Health has launched an enhanced and interactive assessment tool. This [easy-to-use tool](#) guides users through a series of questions to help people determine if they are negative or provide further guidance on where to seek care based upon their needs.

The Province's [Learn at Home](#) online portal has been designed to provide parents with resources to allow students to continue their education while schools are closed. The program offers all students high-quality, made in Ontario math and literary resources with partners including TVO Kids, mPower and Mathify.

The Province has closed all DriveTest Centres today until further notice. Citizens will not lose their licenses or be charged any type of cancellation or fail to keep appointment fees during this closure.

Parry-Sound Muskoka M.P. Scott Aitchison has sent out the following [Information Document](#) which includes links to business financial assistance, employment insurance and more.



MEMBER UPDATES

Here are today's member updates. A complete list of updates can be found on our [COVID-19 Information](#) page. If you would like to have your business updates included in future emails and online, send us your information to this email address: chamber@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca or call us directly at 705-789-4771.

[Community Living](#) has posted an [update letter](#) with regards to their services.

[Pet Valu](#) will be open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. They will be allowing 2 customers in the store at a time and staff will go and get the products for customers. You can also phone ahead and the product will be taken to your car. Plastic is their preferred method of payment.

LET US HELP

We have created a [web page](#) with resources and updates, including a survey for you to fill out about the status of your own business. Please take the time to complete the survey, to enable us to share your updates with fellow members and the community.



We also encourage you to provide us with insights about your current business status. Are you closed, open or do you have modified hours? Do you have changes in service or contact information you would like to share? Send us your updates to this email address: chamber@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca or call us directly at 705-789-4771 and we will share your updates to the membership.



FURTHER RESOURCES

Canada's Regional Development Agencies (RDA's) are responsible for economic development and have issued an [informative single-page document](#) to help you understand their role and where you can reach out for assistance. You can contact [FedNor](#) for support for your business.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has published [the following guide](#) to assist businesses in working through the changes COVID-19 will have on your business.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses has also published helpful [resources for your business](#).

The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) has been given \$10 billion to loan to small businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. They have created a [support webpage](#) with links for small business loans, working capital loans and purchase order financing.

FedNor has requested that businesses fill out their [FedNor COVID-19 Impact Form](#), which will allow them to better respond to rapidly changing needs. Please send FedNor this form and any other concerns you might have to [this address](#).

Additional Resources:

[Department of Canada Finance](#)
[Global Affairs Canada](#)
[Employment and Social Development Canada](#)
[Destination Canada](#)
[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
[Government of Ontario News](#)

MOVING FORWARD

In this time we need to work together as much as possible to enable Huntsville and Lake of Bays to weather this situation and to position ourselves as the tourism leader once we are able to re-open our businesses and services to the public. If you have questions or need help finding the appropriate resources to assist you or your business, please reach out to us at the following address: chamber@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca

From all of us at the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce team we urge you to stay safe and promise to do everything in our power to assist you in this difficult time.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE: SELF-MONITORING, SELF-ISOLATION, AND ISOLATION FOR COVID-19

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING

SELF-MONITORING	SELF-ISOLATION	ISOLATION
 <p>You have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ no symptoms <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, in the last 14 days 	<p>You have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ no symptoms <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus due to travel outside of Canada or close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 	<p>You have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ symptoms, even if mild <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting for the results of a lab test for COVID-19
 <p>SELF-MONITOR means to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ monitor yourself for 14 days for one or more symptoms of COVID-19 ▶ go about your day but avoid crowded places and increase your personal space from others, whenever possible 	<p>SELF-ISOLATE means to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ stay at home and monitor yourself for symptoms, even if mild, for 14 days ▶ avoid contact with other people to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community in the event you become symptomatic 	<p>To be ISOLATED means to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ stay at home until your Public Health Authority advises you that you are no longer at risk of spreading the virus to others ▶ avoid contact with other people to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community, particularly people at high risk of severe illness outcomes such as older adults or medically vulnerable people
 <p>You need to self-monitor if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have reason to believe you have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 <p>OR</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you are in close contact with older adults or medically vulnerable people <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have been advised to self-monitor for any other reason by your Public Health Authority 	<p>Self-isolate if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ your Public Health Authority has identified you as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 	<p>You need to isolate if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you are waiting to hear the results of a laboratory test for COVID-19 <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ you have been advised to isolate at home for any other reason by your Public Health Authority
 <p>If you develop symptoms, isolate yourself from others immediately and contact your Public Health Authority as soon as possible</p>	<p>If you develop symptoms, even if mild, stay home, avoid other people and contact your Public Health Authority as soon as possible</p>	<p>If your symptoms get worse, immediately contact your healthcare provider or Public Health Authority and follow their instructions</p>

WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. FOR MORE INFORMATION:



1-833-784-4397



canada.ca/coronavirus



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