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## GOVERNMENT BENEFITS AND COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 has been felt globally and the situations we are dealing with are changing daily. If you are not able to work but are not eligible for short term disability / weekly indemnity benefits through your Benefit Plan, there are additional resources available through government aid programs. This document summarizes the information currently available, along with related links for further details.

Employment Insurance (EI) Sickness Benefits	Employment Insurance (EI) Regular Benefits	New Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligible workers can receive benefits for up to 15 weeks at a maximum of \$573 per week</li> <li>- A Record of Employment (ROE) is required</li> <li>- Normal requirement for medical certificate and one-week unpaid waiting period have been waived for COVID-19 related cases</li> <li>- For full details on eligibility and the application process, visit the <a href="#">EI sickness benefits</a> website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eligible workers can receive benefits from 14 up to 45 weeks at a maximum of \$573 per week depending on region and hours worked</li> <li>- A Record of Employment (ROE) is required</li> <li>- A one-week unpaid waiting period will apply</li> <li>- For full details on eligibility and the application process, visit the <a href="#">EI regular benefits</a> website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workers not eligible for EI benefits may qualify</li> <li>- Will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months</li> <li>- Online application portal expected for early April with 10-day turnaround for payments. Visit <a href="#">Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan</a> website for the latest.</li> </ul>

**Note:** Additional provincial benefits may also be available such as the one-time \$1,000 benefit for BC residents who also qualify for EI or CERB benefits related to COVID-19.

The table below indicates which benefits **may** be available to you under various scenarios:

	Benefit Plan	EI Sickness	EI Regular	CERB
Confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis	X	X		X
Suspected case of COVID-19 based on symptoms	X	X		X
Sick due to other cause (not COVID-19)	X	X		
Off work due to layoff, site closure, business closure			X	X
Not working due to insufficient work			X	X
Asked by employer not to come in to work			X	X
Unable to work due to school and daycare closures				X
Unable to work because caring for someone who is sick				X
Self-isolating due to returning from out of country		X		X
Self-isolating due to close contact with diagnosed COVID-19		X		X
Self-isolating after being asked to do so by Health Authority		X		X