

# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COVID-19 RESOURCES

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## Information for Individuals and Families

### Childcare for Essential Workers

Information for essential service workers on how to access child care services is now available through the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning at <https://services.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-emergency-child-care-services/> or by calling **902-438-4130**.

### Education

PSB Student Services now has a Facebook page to offer resources on how to engage students in learning. Student Services continues to develop plans to support students with their academic needs and challenges. Visit [www.facebook.com/psbstudentservices](http://www.facebook.com/psbstudentservices)

### Emergency Income Relief for Self-Employed

The Emergency Income Relief Fund is a temporary program put in place to support the self-employed who have been significantly affected by COVID-19. Benefits up to a maximum of \$500 per week. Apply online: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-income-relief-self-employed>

### Emergency Relief Worker Assistance Program

The Emergency Relief - Worker Assistance Program is a temporary program to provide financial support to employers to assist their employed workers who have been impacted by reduced hours at work as a result of COVID-19. For more information and to apply online, visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program>

### Employee Gift Card Program

The Government of Prince Edward Island has partnered with Sobeys on the PEI Employee Gift Card Program. This is a temporary program put in place to offer a \$100 Sobeys gift value to any employee living and working on Prince Edward Island, who has received an ROE as lay-off notice as a direct result of the impacts associated with COVID-19. The program was put in place to assist the employee while they await their EI payments. Staff are available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm to answer your questions: Email: [giftcard@gov.pe.ca](mailto:giftcard@gov.pe.ca) Call: **1-866-213-7521** <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/employee-gift-card-program>

### Food Security

Many community businesses and organizations are supporting children and families with food insecurities. The provincial government, the PEI Home and School Federation, and Breakfast Club of Canada are combining efforts to assist families and children during COVID-19. **Starting March 30, 2020 meals and snacks will be provided to families who register for support.** Students and families with food insecurities can reach out to **902-368-5155** or [supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca](mailto:supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca)

United Way is offering COVID-19 Atlantic Compassion Grants to address the most pressing needs in the Atlantic region. The program is coordinated through United Way Halifax and each regional United Way office across the region has an application process. Applications are due by **April 3, 2020**. <https://gmsenbunitedway.ca/atlantic-compassion-fund/> (please see the United Way website for your area).

Breakfast Club of Canada COVID-19 Special Grant Application:  
<https://www.breakfastclubcanada.org/covid-special-grant-application/>

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### Mental Health

*Island Helpline: 1-800-218-2885*

*Kids Help Phone* provides professional counselling, information, referrals and text-based support 24/7 in English and French. Call **1-800-668-6868**, Text **CONNECT** to **686868** or Live Chat at [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca).

If you or someone you know are having a strong reaction to the Covid situation, you may need more help to cope with anxiety and other reactions. Please consider using one of the following mental health programs **from your home** to develop coping strategies for anxiety and other behaviours that may be presenting with increased stress.

[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/mental\\_health\\_programs\\_from\\_your\\_home\\_march\\_15\\_1.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/mental_health_programs_from_your_home_march_15_1.pdf)

### Tenants

Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit available to assist Prince Edward Island households that are currently renting and have seen an unexpected loss of income due to COVID-19. For more information, call **1-866-594-3777**

Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation extended its moratorium on evictions to the end of June.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/covid-19-supports-renters-and-landlords>

*Updates for April 8:*

### Tenants

Province announced moratorium on evictions. Eviction orders will not be enforced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission advised the public that the Rental Office will not hold hearings for non-payment of rent. It will only hold hearings for urgent matters, such as serious threats to the health and safety of tenants and landlords.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/province-announces-moratorium-evictions>

### I am impacted but do not qualify for federal or provincial benefits, what do I do?

There is a \$1 million COVID-19 special situation fund available, if you are financially impacted by covid-19 but do not qualify for available federal or provincial benefits please call the PEI covid-19 helpline at **1-833-533-9333**

Press 1 for health information

Press 2 for social and community supports

Press 3 for business and workers

Applications for businesses must be received before April 15, 2020.

### For Seniors

The Community Foundation of PEI and the Department of Social Development and Housing have joined forces during this challenging time to help minimize isolation of our seniors population. Our goal is to provide computer tablets for Island seniors to allow them to stay connected to friends and family during this COVID-19 isolation period. Our immediate priority is to purchase some tablets for long term care and community care facilities. For more information visit: <https://cfpei.ca/cfpei-tablets-for-seniors-fund/>

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### For those who need it most

Volunteer services: PEI's community organizations and groups from across the province are providing supports to their fellow Islanders in response to covid-19. PEI visit the Islanders helping Islanders volunteer services directory here: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/islanders-helping-islanders-volunteer-services-directory>

### Property Tax Relief

Finance Minister Darlene Compton outlined financial measures to help Islanders with property tax relief, including property tax deferrals, interest relief, and more. Get more information - email [taxandland@gov.pe.ca](mailto:taxandland@gov.pe.ca) or call **902-368-4070**

### School Food Team initiative

This initiative is being offered in absence of the regular school breakfast and lunch programs during the school closure period. Island families interested in accessing this program are encouraged to call **902-368-5155** or email [supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca](mailto:supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca)

### Jobs for Youth

The province is extending the deadline for Jobs for Youth to April 30 to allow employers ample time to apply for wage subsidies from this program. Employers can apply by visiting [princeedwardisland.ca/jobsforyouth](http://princeedwardisland.ca/jobsforyouth).

Please note: Students will no longer be required to fill out an application for the Jobs for Youth Program but should develop a resume and create a job-seeker account on Work PEI. Many of the eligible positions will be posted at [www.workpei.ca/JFY](http://www.workpei.ca/JFY)

For questions regarding the Provincial Post-Secondary Program please contact SkillsPEI at **1-877-491-4766** or visit [www.skillspei.ca](http://www.skillspei.ca)

### Family Violence Prevention and Support

The PEI Government has specific [resources for individuals and families](#) have been developed to address topics such as [co-parenting](#), how to [support and answer questions from children and youth](#), and [taking care of your mental health](#).

- For information, resources and community support available for family violence prevention, visit [www.princeedwardisland.ca/familyviolenceprevention](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/familyviolenceprevention).
- If you are in immediate danger, contact 9-1-1.
- If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected by a parent or guardian, by law you need to report it. Call Child Protection Services at 1-877-341-3101 or after hours 1-800-341-6868.
- To access emergency shelters, including for survivors of family violence, contact the emergency shelter support line at 1-833-220-4722.

### The Positive Parenting Program

The Positive Parenting Program, commonly known as Triple P, is one of the most effective, evidenced-based parenting programs in the world. The program is available in English and French and each online session ranges from 30-60 minutes. This week, Triple P launched a COVID-19 specific session for parents. Island parents interested in the program should visit [www.triplep-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island](http://www.triplep-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island)

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## Information for Businesses

### Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Businesses that are impacted by sudden shifts in the economy are strongly encouraged to get in touch with ACOA officials at 1-800-561-4030.

### Emergency Working Capital Financing support for Small Business

A financing program has been developed to provide emergency working capital financing to assist PEI's small businesses during this unprecedented economic disruption to business, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Applicants can direct all inquiries and submit their application with supporting documentation by email only to [financepei@gov.pe.ca](mailto:financepei@gov.pe.ca). Staff of Finance PEI will contact you directly upon receipt. **Business concerns?** Call 1-866-222-1751 or email [peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca)

### Updates for April 8:

#### Commercial Lease Rent Deferral Program

To support small and medium-sized businesses, landlords are encouraged to defer rent payments from their commercial tenants for 3 months, spreading the deferred rent amount over the rest of the lease term. If you're deferring rent because your tenant's business is closed to the public due to the related to the COVID-19, pursuant to the Public Health Act, you could be eligible for coverage (up to a maximum of \$50,000 per landlord and \$15,000 per tenant) if you can't recover the deferred rent. To be eligible for the COVID-19 Small Business Rental Deferral Guarantee Program, landlords must register with Finance PEI by **April 15, 2020** by emailing [financepei@gov.pe.ca](mailto:financepei@gov.pe.ca) or visit:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/finance-pei/commercial-lease-rent-deferral-program>

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