



Federal government passes wage subsidy plan

Parliament formally approved the 75 per cent Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy on Saturday. Details of the plan were included in the [April 9 issue of NewsHound](#). Finance Minister Bill Morneau said that funds will begin to flow within the next two to five weeks.

Webinar: Practicing in a Pandemic - How to Keep Your Practice Afloat

Practices seeking advice on how to make use of the 75 per cent Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy are reminded that OVMA will host a webinar **April 15 at noon called Practicing in a Pandemic – How to Keep Your Practice Afloat**. The webinar will be presented by Darren Osborne, OVMA's director of economic research.

The webinar will discuss how to use wage subsidies, interest-free loans and other available tools to help offset and weather the decrease in revenues that veterinary hospitals may experience in the upcoming months. The 60-minute webinar will highlight what's available to practices, using realistic examples for companion and mixed animal hospitals, and address common questions such as, "What can I do if my revenues have not fallen by the requisite 30 per cent to qualify for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, but net incomes are down?"

The webinar will also explore best practices such as implementing telemedicine, using MyVetStore and curbside parasiticide pickup, to help veterinary hospitals maintain their revenues while adhering to the directives to practice only urgent care.

For those who can't attend, the webinar will be recorded and made available to OVMA members.

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Canadian Veterinary Reserve call-up notice

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has requested a Canadian Veterinary Reserve call-up to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The call-up notice was sent out April 8.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a need for surge capacity response in meat slaughter establishments as a result of COVID-19-related absences (e.g. daycare challenges, self-isolation as a result of recent travel, etc.). To support a safe and continued food supply for Canadians, veterinary surge capacity is needed to perform the tasks of meat hygiene veterinarians, which includes working in slaughter establishments, performing ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of animals, and assisting in ensuring compliance with the Safe Food for Canadians and Health of Animals regulations.

For more information, email reserve@cvma-acmv.org.

Animal infection study published

A study investigating the susceptibility of ferrets, cats, dogs, and other domesticated animals to SARS–coronavirus 2 has been published in *Science*. [Read the study.](#)

Webinar recording: taking care of yourself during the pandemic

Last week's webinar about taking care of yourself during the pandemic featuring Dr. Colleen Best was recorded and is available to members who wish to view it. In the 45-minute webinar, Dr. Best provides practical strategies and tools for taking care of yourself and coping with the uncertainty of the pandemic. [Watch the recording.](#)

Submit Farley Foundation funding applications by email

To ensure applications are processed as quickly as possible, we're asking clinics to email completed Farley Foundation funding applications to Victoria Hickey at vhickey@ovma.org. **The foundation will not be accepting applications submitted by fax at this time.**



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