



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

OVMA will host a webinar today 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, and Greg Toner, CPA, CA.

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?"

This 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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OVMA COVID-19 survey #3

As the COVID-19 pandemic develops, OVMA would like to monitor and keep track of how different practices are approaching the current situation, as well as how this evolves overtime. We believe it will be helpful for veterinarians to know what others in the profession are doing.

To that end, veterinarians in clinical practice are being surveyed at regular intervals, to ascertain this information. Results will be published in NewsHound and can also be accessed on our [Coronavirus FAQ page](#). The survey will remain open for two days, closing Friday. [Fill out the survey](#).

Thank you for your participation!

OSAP payment and interest pause

If you're a veterinary student, the provincial government has taken measures to help if you're affected by the pandemic.

You won't have to make payments and no interest will accrue on your Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) loan between March 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020. If your loans are in good standing, visit the [National Student Loans Service Centre](#) or the [Canada student aid web page](#) for more information. If your OSAP debt is in collections, contact the Ministry of Finance at 1.877.535.0554 or the private collection agency assigned to your account to discuss your options.

If you need mental health support, [Good2Talk](#) (1.866.925.5454) offers confidential phone and texting support to post-secondary students.

The federal government is also talking about assistance for students and we'll provide details when they're announced.



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