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Apply for the Canadian Employee Wage Subsidy Program

On April 21, the federal government announced that the application process for the Canadian Employee Wage Subsidy program (CEWS) will be open as of Monday, April 27. Employers will be able to apply for CEWS through the Canadian Revenue Agency's My Business Account Portal. To help employers calculate the amount of wage subsidy for which they're eligible, an online calculator and excel spreadsheet are available for download on the [Canadian government's website](#).

If you have questions about eligibility, contact Brandi Deimling at bdeimling@ovma.org. For help determining how to best use the available subsidies and/or budgeting/financial issues in your practice, contact Darren Osborne (dosborne@ovma.org) or Dr. Chris Doherty (cdoherly@ovma.org).

This information is current as of the morning of April 21.

Webinar tomorrow: Personal Finances - How to Keep Yourself Afloat During a Pandemic

OVMA will host a webinar **April 22 at noon called** Personal Finances - How to Keep Yourself Afloat During a Pandemic. The webinar will be presented by Dr. Chris Doherty, OVMA's economic analyst, and Dr. Ivan Ivan Zivcic, QAFP.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, help and support are available for individuals. From the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to extra time to file and pay your taxes, the federal government has introduced numerous programs to help Canadians weather financial hardship they may experience in the upcoming months. This 45-minute webinar will highlight what's available to individuals, using realistic example scenarios and addressing common questions such as, "What if I'm a locum veterinarian and my income has fallen dramatically, but isn't zero?" It will also explore methods and strategies that individuals

can employ to minimize their expenses, keep cash flow for essentials and maintain income as much as possible.

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

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Mental health and well-being resources

Dealing with the current pandemic is stressful for everyone. OVMA members are reminded that the association offers members two important resources to help you get through these difficult times:

- **OVMA's [i-matter.ca](#)** offers veterinary teams access to a variety of resources intended to increase personal resiliency, and boost mental health and wellness in good times and bad.
- **OVMA's Member Assistance Program (MAP)** offers members and their immediate family free access to expert advice and counselling to help you with all of life's challenges, including mental health and stress, managing relationships and family, financial guidance, workplace challenges and much more. This service is confidential and available 24/7. For more information, visit OVMA's [Member Assistance Program web page](#). Morneau Shepell, which administers the MAP, has also introduced a [toolkit to help individuals cope with the COVID -19 outbreak](#). The toolkit includes tips on protecting yourself, talking to your children, working from home and managing your team during the pandemic.

Webinar: Telemedicine During the Pandemic and Beyond

OVMA will host a webinar **April 24 at noon** called Telemedicine During the Pandemic and Beyond. The webinar will be presented by Dr. Sharon Quinn from [Smart.Vet](#), along with Terra Shastri, OVMA's director of business development and strategic initiatives, and Darren Osborne, OVMA's director of economic research.

Spring is usually the busiest time for most veterinary practices but with the pandemic, clinic teams have been forced to adopt new ways to continue patient care. Telemedicine can provide a valuable solution for practices, clients and patients. This 45-minute webinar will highlight:

- What clinic teams are doing now using telemedicine.
- Lessons learned from using telemedicine.

- Why you should charge for virtual consults (and how to do it).
- How to continue using telemedicine moving forward.

The webinar will be recorded and made available for OVMA members on the OVMA website.

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