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## CERB applications now open

Members who are eligible for the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) may apply for the benefit this week. To be eligible, you must:

- Reside in Canada.
- Be 15 years of age or older at the time of application.
- Have stopped or will stop working for reasons related to COVID-19, or because you are unable to work due to illness, or because you lost your employment for other reasons beyond your control.
- Have not quit your job voluntarily.
- Not be receiving Employment Insurance benefits for the same benefit period.
- Have earned a minimum of \$5,000 in income within the last 12 months or in the 2019 calendar year from either employment income or self-employment income.

The federal government has established days on which individuals are to apply, as follows:

If you were born in the month of	January February March	April May June	July August September	October November December	Any Month
Apply for CERB on	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays Saturdays Sundays
Your best day to apply	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	

To apply, click [here](#). Note that due to the volume of people applying for assistance, it may take a while to access the application portal.

## Province announces support for families with children

While schools and child-care centres are closed, parents can apply for provincial funding to offset the cost of buying materials to support their children's learning while they practice self-isolation and physical distancing. Eligible parents will receive a one-time, **per child** payment of:

- \$200 for children aged 0 to 12
- \$250 for children or youth aged 0 to 21 with special needs

If you have more than one child, you must **submit one application per child**. Only one parent can apply for each child, and the parent who applies should have custody of the child. To apply, visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families](http://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families).

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## Federal 75 per cent wage subsidy

The federal government has indicated that the 75 per cent wage subsidy won't be available until parliament is recalled to pass the legislation needed to authorize the wage subsidy. OVMA will continue to update members on the status of the subsidy as information becomes available.

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## Other assistance available for business

The federal government has announced the following programs:

- Guaranteed bank loans of up to \$40,000 for small businesses, which will be interest free for the first year. Organizations that can repay the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2022 will benefit from loan forgiveness of 25 per cent (up to a maximum of \$10,000).
- A deferral of GST and HST payments, duties and taxes owed on imports until June 2020.
- A deferral, until August 31, 2020, of the payment of any income tax owing between March 18, 2020 and September 1, 2020. This applies to tax balance dues and instalments under Part I of the Income Tax Act. No interest or penalties will accumulate on these amounts during this time.

The Ontario government has announced the following programs:

- [A temporary increase in the Employer Health Tax exemption to \\$1 million.](#)
- A [five-month relief period](#) between April 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020 for Ontario businesses unable to file or remit their provincial taxes (including employer health tax, gas tax, etc.) on time due to COVID-19.
- [The deferral of WSIB premiums until August 31, 2020 for all businesses.](#)

For advice on how your practice can weather the current pandemic, contact Darren Osborne ([dosborne@ovma.org](mailto:dosborne@ovma.org)), or Dr. Chris Doherty ([cdoherty@ovma.org](mailto:cdoherty@ovma.org)).

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## Webinar: You Matter - Taking Care of Yourself During the Pandemic

OVMA will host a webinar featuring Dr. Colleen Best on Thursday, **April 9 at noon called You Matter -Taking Care of Yourself During the Pandemic.** The webinar is brought to you by Hills Pet Nutrition.

Whether you're working in clinic or isolated at home, the uncertainty and stress can be overwhelming. In this 45-minute webinar, Dr. Best will provide practical strategies and tools for taking care of yourself and coping with the uncertainty of the pandemic. She'll share how to:

- Explore and practice techniques that help reduce worry and anxiety by focusing on the present.
- Address the value and importance of social connection and discuss tools that can support it in the current environment.
- Use gratitude to change your perspective, as well as to foster a sense of hope and safety.

Dr. Best, PhD, DVM, is a consultant and educator focused on non-technical competencies, including veterinarian-client communication, veterinary team performance, wellness and resilience. She's a certified compassion fatigue professional and is also trained in mental health first aid and suicide intervention.

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

[Join the webinar.](#) (Password: 067442)

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