

COVID-19 UPDATES #3



In this difficult time Kluane First Nation is working hard to keep you and your families safe and healthy. Our actions can keep us safe or can put us and others in danger. Please follow the guidelines of social distancing and stay home as much as possible.

Message from Council

“This is a difficult time for everyone. It has caused financial strain on families, individuals and businesses. KFN recognised the need for financial relief to families, Elders and individuals so we sent cheques to our Citizens. The government of Canada is also providing financial support to individuals and businesses that are struggling during this pandemic. Below are links to the different federal programs available to individuals and businesses.

Together we can get through this. Please take care of yourself and each other.”

Chief Dickson

Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Relief

FOR INDIVIDUALS

The New Canada Emergency Response Benefit

The Canadian Federal Government will provide a taxable benefit of \$2,000 a month for up to 4 months. Certain criteria apply. **The Canada Emergency Response Benefit will be accessible through a secure web portal starting in early April. Applicants will also be able to apply via an automated telephone line or via a toll-free number.**

This benefit replaces the previously announced Emergency Care Benefit and the Emergency Support Benefit.

New Employment Income Applications

Canada is waiving the one-week waiting period for those individuals in imposed quarantine who claim Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits.

Increasing the Canada Child Benefit

The Canadian Government is providing an extra \$300 per child through the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for 2019-20. This will mean approximately \$550 more for the average family.

This benefit will be delivered as part of the scheduled CCB payment in May. **There is no need to apply for this payment. If you are eligible, you will get it automatically.**

Special Goods and Services Tax credit payment

The Canadian Government is providing a one-time special payment by early May through the [Goods and Services Tax credit](#) for low- and modest-income families. The average additional benefit will be close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples.

There is no need to apply for this payment. If you are eligible, you will get it automatically.

Extra time to file income tax returns

Canada Revenue Agency is deferring the filing due date for the 2019 tax returns of individuals. For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020. CRA will also allow any new income tax balances due, or instalments, to be deferred until after August 31, 2020 without incurring interest or penalties.

Note: If you expect to receive benefits under the Goods and Services Tax credit or the Canada Child Benefit, *we encourage you to not delay your 2019 return filing to ensure that your entitlements are properly determined.*

Mortgage Deferral to Help Canadians Experiencing Financial Hardship Due to COVID-19

All customers who are currently in good standing and have been impacted by COVID-19 can apply for mortgage relief from their bank.

Deferred is the key word here, you will have to make the payments up at a later date.

Canada Student Loans

Effective March 30, the Canadian government is placing a six-month interest-free moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans for all student loan borrowers. No payment will be required and interest will not accrue during this time.

Students do not need to apply for the repayment pause.

FOR BUSINESSES

Flexibility for Businesses Filing Taxes

The Canada Revenue Agency will allow all businesses to defer, until after August 31, 2020, the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020. This relief would apply to tax balances due, as well as instalments, under Part I of the *Income Tax Act*. No interest or penalties will accumulate on these amounts during this period.

Helping Businesses Keep their Workers

Any Canadian businesses whose revenue has decreased by 30 per cent or more due to the pandemic will be eligible for the 75 per cent wage subsidy promised, regardless of the number of employees they have. The increased subsidy will be retroactive to March 15. The subsidy will be on the first \$58,700 earned, meaning up to \$847 a week.

Extending the Work-Sharing program

We are extending the maximum duration of the [Work-Sharing program](#) from 38 weeks to 76 weeks. The Work-Sharing program is offered to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours because of developments beyond the control of their employers.

Business Loans

Storefront businesses will also qualify for up to \$40,000 in loans, with up to \$10,000 forgiven, he said.

GST, PST and Import Tax payments

Business owners will have until June to pay GST and HST payments while taxes on Imports will also be suspended.

A New Indigenous Community Support Fund

The Canadian Government will provide \$305 million for a new distinctions-based Indigenous Community Support Fund to address immediate needs in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation communities.

Ensuring Businesses Have Access to Credit

The [Business Credit Availability Program \(BCAP\)](#) will allow the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) and Export Development Canada (EDC) to provide more than \$10 billion of additional support, largely targeted to small and medium-sized businesses.

Supplementary Unemployment Benefit Plan (SUBP)

A supplementary unemployment benefit plan (SUBP) is a plan established by an employer or group of participating employers to top up employees' employment insurance (EI) benefits during a period of unemployment due to a temporary or indefinite layoff for:

- health-related benefits
- maternity, parental, compassionate care, family caregiver leave
- sickness, accident, or disability
- temporary stoppage of work
- training

We encourage you to put the poster below/on the back of this page on your door. We must practice social distancing and self-isolation in order to keep each other safe!
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WE ARE A CAUTIOUS FAMILY

We are self-isolating and/or practicing social distancing as a preventative measure against COVID-19 for our family.



**IF YOU FEEL AT ALL
UNWELL OR WE DON'T
ANSWER THE DOOR,
PLEASE UNDERSTAND
AND LEAVE ANY
DELIVERIES**

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