



# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COVID-19 RESOURCES

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## Information for Individuals and Families

### Childcare for Essential Workers

Information for essential service workers on how to access child care services is now available through the Department of Education and Lifelong Learning at <https://services.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/apply-emergency-child-care-services/> or by calling 902-438-4130.

### Education

PSB Student Services now has a Facebook page to offer resources on how to engage students in learning. Student Services continues to develop plans to support students with their academic needs and challenges. Visit [www.facebook.com/psbstudentservices](http://www.facebook.com/psbstudentservices)

### Emergency Income Relief for Self-Employed

The Emergency Income Relief Fund is a temporary program put in place to support the self-employed who have been significantly affected by COVID-19. Benefits up to a maximum of \$500 per week. Apply online: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-income-relief-self-employed>

### Emergency Relief Worker Assistance Program

The Emergency Relief - Worker Assistance Program is a temporary program to provide financial support to employers to assist their employed workers who have been impacted by reduced hours at work as a result of COVID-19. For more information and to apply online, visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/emergency-relief-worker-assistance-program>

### Employee Gift Card Program

The Government of Prince Edward Island has partnered with Sobeys on the PEI Employee Gift Card Program. This is a temporary program put in place to offer a \$100 Sobeys gift value to any employee living and working on Prince Edward Island, who has received an ROE as lay-off notice as a direct result of the impacts associated with COVID-19. The program was put in place to assist the employee while they await their EI payments. Staff are available Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm to answer your questions: Email: [giftcard@gov.pe.ca](mailto:giftcard@gov.pe.ca) Call: 1-866-213-7521  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/employee-gift-card-program>

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### Food Security

Many community businesses and organizations are supporting children and families with food insecurities. The provincial government, the PEI Home and School Federation, and Breakfast Club of Canada are combining efforts to assist families and children during COVID-19. **Starting March 30, 2020 meals and snacks will be provided to families who register for support.** Students and families with food insecurities can reach out to **902-368-5155** or [supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca](mailto:supportforfamilies@edu.pe.ca)

United Way is offering COVID-19 Atlantic Compassion Grants to address the most pressing needs in the Atlantic region. The program is coordinated through United Way Halifax and each regional United Way office across the region has an application process. Applications are due by **April 3, 2020**. <https://gmsenbunitedway.ca/atlantic-compassion-fund/> (please see the United Way website for your area).

Breakfast Club of Canada COVID-19 Special Grant Application:  
<https://www.breakfastclubcanada.org/covid-special-grant-application/>

### Mental Health

Island Helpline: **1-800-218-2885**

Kids Help Phone provides professional counselling, information, referrals and text-based support 24/7 in English and French. Call **1-800-668-6868**, Text **CONNECT to 686868** or Live Chat at [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca).

If you or someone you know are having a strong reaction to the Covid situation, you may need more help to cope with anxiety and other reactions. Please consider using one of the following mental health programs **from your home** to develop coping strategies for anxiety and other behaviours that may be presenting with increased stress.  
[https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/mental\\_health\\_programs\\_from\\_your\\_home\\_march\\_15\\_1.pdf](https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/mental_health_programs_from_your_home_march_15_1.pdf)

### Tenants

Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit available to assist Prince Edward Island households that are currently renting and have seen an unexpected loss of income due to COVID-19. For more information, call **1-866-594-3777**

Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation extended its moratorium on evictions to the end of June.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/social-development-and-housing/covid-19-supports-renters-and-landlords>

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## Information for Businesses

### Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Businesses that are impacted by sudden shifts in the economy are strongly encouraged to get in touch with ACOA officials at **1-800-561-4030**.

### Emergency Working Capital Financing support for Small Business

A financing program has been developed to provide emergency working capital financing to assist PEI's small businesses during this unprecedented economic disruption to business, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Applicants can direct all inquiries and submit their application with supporting documentation by email only to [financepei@gov.pe.ca](mailto:financepei@gov.pe.ca). Staff of Finance PEI will contact you directly upon receipt. **Business concerns?** Call **1-866-222-1751** or email [peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca)

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