

Updates from our Chamber and Partners in Prosperity

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce is committed to keeping our members and Chatham-Kent businesses updated. Be sure to check out the upcoming webinars below! We recognize that information and circumstances are changing and we will continue to bring you updated information as we receive that may assist you in your business matters.

Be sure to follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for up-to-date information. Below, and other, resources area available at <u>www.chatham-kentchamber.ca</u>

Together we can help Chatham-Kent businesses recover. Join the Movement #CanadaUnited

Canada United is offering relief grants of up to \$5,000 to help Canadian small businesses with their recovery efforts as a result of COVID-19.

Your participation is important!

The grant funds will grow over the next several weeks as every campaign video watched and social media post liked and shared will result in a 5¢ contribution from RBC! Learn More







Join the Recovery Activation Program to learn how to leverage technology & digital channels to modernize processes, transform operating models,

& connect more meaningfully with employees & customers.

The program is completely free for businesses of all sizes to digitize their operations, and open to participants across Ontario..

At this time, the first two RAP cohorts in August are full. Anyone who signs up now will be placed in the next available cohort in September.



Don't wait, apply now: http://supportbusiness.bot.com/RAP

Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Government of Canada's COVID Alert App Is Available

The contract tracing app is available for iOS and Android devices and will alert users if they come into contact with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19

More Information

Federal Government To Spend An Additional \$58.6 Million Addressing TFW COVID-19 Outbreaks

The Government of Canada is going to spend additional money to address COVID-19 outbreaks on farms that are affecting Temporary Foreign Workers. The spending will be directed towards inspections, outreach and education as well as improving living conditions. <u>More Information</u>

Statistics Canada Releases May GDP Numbers We commented on today's numbers: "May's GDP numbers demonstrate that our economy is rebounding from all-time lows, but the growth numbers we're seeing simply represent businesses reopening after needed lockdowns. Apart from a temporary rebound related to businesses reopening, the road to recovery begins now by focusing on the economic fundamentals that will bring back investment, stimulate demand and create new jobs. We must keep in mind that we are currently projecting a 12% quarterly decline in Q2, which is comparable to hard-hit countries like Italy (12.4%) and a larger quarterly economic downturn than the United States (9.5%). Our economy is still only 90% of the size it was in February, and public sector spending will only get us so far."



Think Growth. Harnessing Canada's Tax System for Inclusive Recovery and Growth The COVID-19 pandemic is changing our world and forcing everyone to think differently about many things. To help Canadian policymakers think differently about growing our economy while still paying for today's health crisis, today, <u>we announced</u> our independent tax review. To help us formulate our final recommendations, we have assembled <u>a team of Canadian businesses leaders</u> to voluntarily explore ideas for harnessing Canada's tax system for inclusive recovery and growth.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

The Key To Employee Well-Being During And After The Pandemic

August 10 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In this webinar, we'll be looking at how overall health culture, which includes physical, mental and financial health, is especially important during a crisis. And how going forward, this culture will be an integral part of group plans. <u>Register</u> <u>Now</u>



Getting Back To Business: Adapting Your Marketing Message For The New "Business As Usual" August 12 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET

As the retail landscape has dramatically changed over the last few months, small businesses have had to navigate challenges they may not have anticipated. Regardless of the scenario, companies had to adapt their business models at the onset of the pandemic and are now faced with the next phase, transitioning into "business as usual." **Register Now**

Covid-19 Support for Employers and Service Delivery Partners

Wednesday, August 12 | 10 AM – 11 AM

This webinar provides an overview of the work-sharing agreement, special measures implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, financial support for your employees or clients. In collaboration with Employment Ontario and Canada Revenue Agency.

How to Register

To register, email SERVICECANADALIVE.ESDC@servicecanada.gc.ca, you will receive joining instructions within two business days.

Covid-19 Support for Workers

Tuesday, August 25 | 10 AM – 11 AM

Review types of Employment Insurance benefits, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, the actions required for maintaining benefits, earnings while on claim and other resources to support return to work endeavours. In

collaboration with Employment Ontario and Canada Revenue Agency. <u>How to Register</u>

To register, email SERVICECANADALIVE.ESDC@servicecanada.gc.ca, you will receive joining instructions within two business days.



While Covid-19 is still around us, Pizza Tonite will deliver to your workplace. The health and safety of our guests and staff continues to be our highest priority.

Pizza Tonite drivers are asked to obey safety measures while delivering.

Open for lunch everyday at 11:00 a.m. Give us a call (519) 358-7500. Visit <u>www.pizzatonitechatham.com</u> for full menu & specials!

Chamber Members receive 10% discount on all workplace orders

Let Pizza Tonite deliver your food to your workplace in order to keep you safe. We appreciate your continued support!



Our new program is flexible and will provide businesses of all sizes, sectors and varying levels of health and safety expertise with the opportunity to build or improve their health and safety programs. Participants in our program will receive:

- Dedicated support, tools and resources from our network of health and safety experts to help them build health and safety programs that are suitable for their business, legislatively compliant and incorporate health and safety best practices;
- Support and resources to help them address their immediate health and safety priorities arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Premium rebates and public recognition for implementing health and safety improvements including COVID-19 response plans.

Here's a short video that provides a high level overview of our new Excellence program:





Interested in Sponsorship <u>click here</u> Register to play <u>here</u>

Resources:

Local Public Health Information on COVID-19 Workplace Information Chatham-Kent Economic Development Community Futures CK Community Futures CK - Regional Relief and Recovery Fund Business Credit Availability Program

Provincial & Federal Support For Your Business Canadian Business Resilience Network Government of Canada Support for Small Businesses Wage subsidy for Businesses <u>Chamber Plan Ontario</u> <u>Canada's COVID-10 Economic Response Plan</u> <u>Ontario Chamber of Commerce – COVID-19 Preparedness Toolkit</u> <u>Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Pandemic Preparedness Guide for Business</u>