



COVID-19 - Updates from our Chamber and “Partners in Prosperity”

Dear Members and Associates:

Friendly reminder of upcoming webinars, we are offering webinars for business through the Canadian Chamber and Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and open to all business sectors and sizes. As always, feel free to share below information.

Merger and Acquisition Strategies, Succession Planning and Preparing for Recovery - Being held this Wednesday, May 6th, at 2:00 pm, please register at link below. A live interactive discussion will help you understand how businesses are thinking about M & A strategies, success and planning for eventual rebound as we emerge from lock-down.

Clarifying Government Relief Programs for Business – Being held this Thursday at noon, please register at link below. The session, offered through the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, is open to all sectors and size of business. This conversation will address key questions about the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program and how it applies to employers across the province.

Stay Safe, Distanced and Connected. Yours in Prosperity, *Gail Hundt* / President & CEO gail@chatham-kentchamber.ca

Visit the *Canadian Business Resilience Network* at CBRN.ca for the most up-to-date, relevant tools and links to aid you through this crisis and through to the path of success.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. Below, and other, resources area available at www.chatham-kentchamber.ca



Physically Distanced, Staying Connected

BYOB HAPPY HOUR

Every Wednesday

Next one: Wednesday, May 6th, 2020
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Chamber Members Only

Please note this event has a maximum of 20 participants
Credentials will be provided after registering for the event

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Reopening Canada's Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic curve is starting to flatten; provinces and territories are allowing businesses to reopen, and Canada needs a plan to restart the economy. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has identified five key areas that need

to be part of the country's strategy to reopen the economy quickly and safely. We also need to hear from you. [More Information](#)



MONDAY



MINUTE

COVID-19 EDITION

This #MondayMinute, our Senior Director of Tax and Financial Policy, Patrick Gill, delves into how [our survey with Statistics Canada](#) revealed the big business innovation story that's going on amid social distancing.

Update from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

KEY GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The Ontario government is expanding testing and tracing critical to stop the spread of COVID-19. In partnership with Ontario Health, Public Health Ontario, local public health units, and hospital and community laboratories, the Ontario government has developed an integrated laboratory system. [Learn more.](#)

We underscored the importance of implementing a comprehensive COVID-19 testing & tracing regime in our recent report, [Uncharted Territory](#). [See our response.](#)

The Canadian government announced today that Canada and partners from around the world have launched the "Coronavirus Global Response." This online event aims to initially raise more than \$8 billion (USD) to help researchers and innovators develop solutions to test, treat, and protect people, and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. [Learn more.](#)

CERTAIN BUSINESSES PERMITTED TO REOPEN TODAY IN ONTARIO

- Beginning today, the Ontario government is permitting certain businesses to open providing they comply with strict public health measures to operate safely as we enter the first stage of re-opening the province's economy. [Learn more.](#)
- [Read the OCC's response](#) and share on social: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

LIST OF BUSINESSES PERMITTED TO REOPEN

- Garden centres and nurseries with curbside pick-up and delivery only;
- Lawn care and landscaping;
- Additional essential construction projects that include:
 - shipping and logistics;
 - broadband, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure;
 - any other project that supports the improved delivery of goods and services;
 - municipal projects;
 - colleges and universities;
 - child care centres;
 - schools; and
 - site preparation, excavation, and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial and residential development;
- Automatic and self-serve car washes;

- Auto dealerships, open by appointment only;
- Golf courses may prepare their courses for the upcoming season, but not open to the public; and
- Marinas may also begin preparations for the recreational boating season by servicing boats and other watercraft and placing boats in the water, but not open to the public. Boats and watercraft must be secured to a dock in the marina until public access is allowed.

The government continues to urge caution that Ontarians must continue with strict distancing and stay-at-home measures to continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

WORKPLACE SAFETY GUIDELINES

- On April 30, the Government of Ontario and provincial health and safety associations [released](#) 61 technical sector guidance documents to support employers and employees in remaining safe in the workplace during the COVID-19 outbreak and the reopening process.

These guidelines provide sector-specific directions. Additional guidelines will be released in the near future. [Access the guidance documents here.](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

M&A strategies, succession planning and preparing for recover

Wednesday, May 6th 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A live interactive discussion to help you understand how businesses are thinking about their M&A strategies, succession and planning for the eventual rebound

as we emerge from lock-down and deploy cash in an era of ultra-low interest rates. [Register Now](#)

[Clarifying Government COVID-19 Relief Programs for Business](#) - **Thursday May 7th 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.**

Do you have questions about the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program?

[Register Now](#)

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Explained

Thursday May 7, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Discussion to include: Eligibility criteria, Qualifying periods, Eligibility criteria, Application process, Issues and opportunities, Frequently asked questions

[Register Now](#)

PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS

Our latest webinars:

WATCH NOW: [Information Security and Data Privacy in the age of COVID-19](#)

WATCH NOW: [How Big Data is Being Used to Combat COVID-19](#)

WATCH NOW: [Cross Border Transportation During COVID-19](#)

You can find a full list of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce webinars [here](#)

Through our relations and affiliations with the Ontario Chamber and Canadian Chambers of Commerce, you are invited to participate in the webinars that they have organized, and we recommend you participate in to help guide you through relief programs and availabilities.



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Resources:

Local

[Public Health Information on COVID-19](#)

[Workplace Information](#)

[Chatham-Kent Economic Development](#)

[Community Futures CK](#)

[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](#)

[Chamber Plan Ontario](#)

[Canada's COVID-10 Economic Response Plan](#)

[Ontario Chamber of Commerce – COVID-19 Preparedness Toolkit](#)

[Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Pandemic Preparedness Guide for Business](#)
