Emergency legislation to be tabled – expecting cooperation across parties to expedite process

Department of Finance release is [here](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notifications/coronavirus.html)

**EI Sickness Benefits**

- Up to 15 weeks of income replacement
- Available to eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or imposed quarantine
- 1 week waiting period waived
- Do not have to provide a medical certificate
- Government encourages employees to submit application for EI before contacting service office to prevent delays in establishing claims

**EI Emergency Care Benefits**

- Up to $900 every 2 weeks for up to 15 weeks
- Provides income support to workers who must stay home and do not have access to paid sick leave, including:
  - Workers who are sick, quarantined or who have been directed to self-isolate but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits;
  - Workers who are taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19, such as an elderly parent or other dependents who are sick, but do not qualify for EI sickness benefits; and
  - Working parents who must stay home without pay because their children require care or supervision due to school closures, irrespective of whether they qualify for EI
- Self-employed workers, part-time workers, entrepreneurs and gig employees will be eligible
- Application for benefits will be available in April 2020 – first requires royal assent
- Canadians will need to attest that they meet eligibility requirements, and re-attest every 2 weeks to reconfirm eligibility

**EI Emergency Support Benefits**

- For Canadians who lose their jobs or face reduced hours as a result of COVID-19’s impact
- Up to $5.0 billion in support for workers not eligible for EI but who are facing unemployment
- Individual entitlements and eligibility requirements still unclear
- Available starting early April – first requires royal assent

**Small Business Wage Subsidy**

- Wage subsidy of up to 10% of remuneration paid to employees for next 3 months
- Up to $1,375 per employee and $25,000 per employer
Qualifying employers include corporations eligible for the small business deduction, not-for-profit organizations and charities
- Purpose: to keep employees on payroll and prevent layoffs
- Businesses can benefit immediately by reducing remittances of income tax withheld on employees’ remuneration
- Supporting legislation to follow
- See also deferral to August 31, 2020 of payment of income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020

**Work Sharing Program Expanded**

- Provides EI benefits to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours as a result of developments beyond the control of an employer
- Extended eligibility to 38 weeks to 76 weeks
- Eased eligibility requirements and streamlined application process
- For more information, see: [https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing.html)