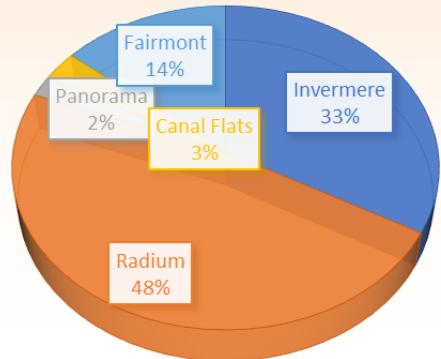


# COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Highlights- Columbia Valley

The following information is from the BC Chamber of Commerce's Mind Reader survey conducted between March 13th - 18th. This data is excerpt from the Columbia Valley results. To review the complete survey please go to: [FULL SURVEY RESULTS](#)

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22% Self Employed  
67% 1–9 employees  
22% 10–49 employees  
10% 50+ employees

48% Accommodation & Food Service  
9% Arts, Entertainment & Rec  
7% Retail  
7% Construction  
5% Healthcare & Social Services

90% said their business is being impacted  
4% weren't sure yet  
77% significant impact  
85% drop in revenues, business or deal flow

### What can the various levels of government do?

**Check marks indicate what has been done or is in process**

- Cut interest rates
- Economic stimulus package
- Be more flexible around timelines for tax remittances
- Funding & incentives for tech & support work from home
- Delay municipal taxes without penalty
- Provide business advisory and technical guidance
- Eliminate taxes on medical equipment and supplies
- Speed up government payments to vendors & contractors
- Enhance EI access or wage replacement for employees
- Create resources for employees that must self-isolate
- Provide resources for employees that will get laid off

### ACTIONS BY LOCAL BUSINESS

75% of businesses increased cleaning & sanitation of premises

20% have employees working from home

22% reduced hours of operation

28% closed business temporarily

19% cancelled contracts

28% temporary or indefinite closure  
65% decrease in demand for products & services  
3% increase in demand for products & services  
37% disruption in supply chain