

Dear Tourism Stakeholders,

- Our partners at Destination Canada have released their preliminary data on the impact of COVID-19 on the Canadian tourism sector: <https://www.destinationcanada.com/en/coronavirus-updates/covid-19-research>
- The online application portal to access the **Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)** will be available on **Monday April 27th** on the CRA website:
 - The majority of applications will be processed by May 5th with cash flowing to businesses shortly thereafter. TIAC will be sharing details on how to access the portal as soon as it is made available.
 - An **online calculator has been launched** to help businesses determine their eligibility and how much they can claim through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).
- We continue to collect responses for our survey in collaboration with McKinsey & Company and Destination Canada to assess recovery measures to help the tourism sector when the COVID-19 crisis subsides. The survey closes on **April 23, 2020**.
 - **Please know that each entry is captured and reported to government officials and decision-makers daily.** Your continued participation and input are vital. Thank you to everyone who already participated. Please see the survey details & link below.

Government Announcements

- Today, the Prime Minister announced \$9 billion in funding to support students across the country. This program includes a new Canada Emergency Student Benefit that will provide \$1,250/month to current post-secondary students, as well as those starting in September and those who graduated in December 2019.
 - Part of this funding also includes a commitment to create over 75,000 student jobs for struggling and frontline sectors.
 - TIAC will be looking into the details for the program to see if TIAC members can take advantage of these new job placements.
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Your Feedback is Essential

During these unprecedented times, TIAC has been at the forefront of recommending various financial stimulus and support programs from the Federal Government. As we continue to advocate on behalf of the Tourism Industry, we must also turn our attention to recovery when it comes.

Last week, in partnership with Destination Canada, we released a new survey that will gather current impacts as well as collect your feedback on recovery measures.

We need as many stakeholders as possible to take part in this survey as it will help us better understand your situation and advocate on your behalf so that together, we can build the road to recovery. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. For those who haven't, please find the links to the survey below:

Survey links:

- [English](#)
- [French](#)

The survey will be open until April 23, 5:00 pm ET. We welcome and encourage you to share the survey with your tourism networks. Should you prefer to share this information by email or phone, we will include your feedback.



Tools & Resources to Help Businesses Navigate

Many Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs are anxious about how to get the help they need in the face of COVID-19. Here are a few good places to start:

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We're Here to Help

TIAC has compiled a list of relevant and official information sources, mental health resources, as well as government updates and useful links which can be found here:

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