

Prime Minister Update: March 25, 2020

- **NEW: The new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)**
 - Expected as of April the online application will be up for 4 months
 - \$2,000 a month for workers who lose their income due to COVID-19
 - Applies to wage earners as well as contract workers
 - Replaces Emergency Care Benefit and COVID-19 Emergency Support Benefit previously announced (March 18)
 - An on-line portal will be available soon, and people will receive within 10 days from applying
 - 143,000 employment insurance claims processed since last Monday
 - Almost a million people applied for employment insurance last week
 - Re-deploying staff to ensure application are processed and benefits flow to people
 - There are approximately 10,000 people currently being tested a day
 - Working with Premiers to improve testing and speed-up results for everyone
 - Result times of COVID-19 are varying across the country
 - Public Health Agency of Canada will be briefing the PM on latest modelling (more information, hopefully will be provided afterwards)
 - Continuing to working with business and mobilizing industry
 - Our country is facing the greatest health care crisis in history
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- **NEW: As of midnight, the Health minister will be using powers under the Quarantine Act to enforce mandatory isolation of people arriving in Canada**
 - Reminding all Canadians, do your part, you must practice/maintain social-isolation
 - **NEW: Canada Emergency Care Benefit (CECB)**
 - “Best way to support Canadians out of work, sick, caring for loved ones”
 - \$2,000 per month for four months
 - A wage subsidy delivered directly to employees; no need to separate employees from the company
 - Targeting the week of April 6 to deliver this benefit to people
 - The impact of what the federal government is doing for the economy is significant, it’s entirely funded by Federal government
 - This means that the previously announced \$27B in supports has now become \$52B, **a total package of \$107B to our economy**
 - Includes \$55B announced previously to maintain credit liquidity and market stability
 - **NEW: enacting tax measures announced in 2019 Budget; previously announced \$30 million ad campaign to increase awareness of COVID-19 will be rolled out in Canadian media**
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- **NEW: putting in place simplified application process for Canadian Book Fund, Canadian Periodical Fund to flow fund faster**
 - \$335M directly to First Nations to support this vulnerable population.