

## Provincial Announcements

**May 25, 2020**

Province [supports tourism marketing organizations](#) to be ready for recovery.

**May 24, 2020**

Most [campgrounds, recreation sites opening](#) throughout the province.

**May 22, 2020**

[Patio, service area expansions](#) support safe reopening.

**May 15, 2020**

[WorkSafeBC guidelines](#) support safe reopening of businesses.

**May 13, 2020**

The BC Government announced that it is [extending the province's State of Emergency](#) until May 26, 2020.

**May 6, 2020**

Premier John Horgan [outlines plan to restart BC safely](#). You can find BC's Restart Plan [here](#).

**May 4, 2020**

Government creates [COVID-19 temporary layoff period](#).

**May 1, 2020**

Online applications open for [BC Emergency Benefit for Workers](#).

**29 April, 2020**

[BC extending state of emergency](#) to continue COVID-19 response.

**24 April, 2020**

[Rent relief on the way](#) for BC small businesses.

**April 16, 2020**

[New supports for businesses and local governments](#) will provide enhanced relief for businesses by reducing most commercial property tax bills by an average of 25%, along with new measures to support local governments facing temporary revenue shortfalls as a result of COVID-19.

## April 16, 2020

A [new support service](#) will act as a single point of contact for businesses throughout the province looking for information on resources available during COVID-19.

## April 15, 2020

The BC government has formally [extends the provincial state of emergency](#).

## April 10, 2020

All returning travelers to BC must submit their 14-day self-isolation plan at their point of entry.

## April 9, 2020

The Province announced \$5 million as part of the BC Action Plan to [expand existing mental health programs](#), enhance virtual options, and launch new services.

The [BC Temporary Rental Supplement Program](#) is announced, giving tenants and landlords temporary support towards rent payments for renters impacted by COVID-19.

## April 2, 2020

A new [Economic Recovery Task Force](#) was announced, bringing together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to help ensure the Province's economic response to COVID-19 is effective and responsive to the needs of British Columbians.

## April 1, 2020

The Province of British Columbia and BC Hydro announced the [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#), which will waive charges for hard-hit small businesses for up to three months, providing some immediate help to those most in need.

## March 23, 2020

- The BC government announced the [COVID-19 Action Plan: B.C.'s first steps to support people, businesses](#).
- Two significant changes were made to the Employment Standards Act to [protect jobs during difficult times](#).

## March 20, 2020

The temporary closure or modified services to the following businesses in BC until further notice:

- Salons, spas and personal services.
- Casinos, community gaming centres and bingo halls.
- Bars, pubs and nightclubs.
- Restaurants must move to takeout or delivery only

## March 18, 2020

A [Provincial State of Emergency is declared](#) to support the province-wide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Declaring a state of emergency is an important measure to support our provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, in swift and powerful response to the virus. Go to [BC Gov News](#) for the latest

news releases on COVID-19, where you can find out more about the provincial measures in place to contain the virus, including:

**March 16, 2020**

Gatherings or events larger than 50 people are prohibited until further notice. This includes indoor and outdoor sporting events, conferences, meetings, religious gatherings and other similar events.