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Canada

1. Canada's Parliament will consider options to recall MPs digitally for the first time.
2. New legislation will be introduced allowing for stronger emergency measures.
3. Legislation enabling the government's 75% wage subsidy program will be unveiled this week.
4. Canada's military will begin to deploy to the hardest hit regions to support the movement of medical supplies, the construction of medical installations, and the enforcement of public health orders.
5. **Provinces will continue to shorten their essential business lists.**
6. **Provinces will continue to restrict travel within and between regions.**
7. There will be heightened cross-border tensions as fear and desperation fuel America's protectionism.
8. The United States will formalize its restriction on exports of medical supplies using the Defence Production Act.
9. The United States will interfere with foreign productions and shipments of medical supplies by compelling American-owned companies to fulfill American needs first.

Authorization letter to travel between provinces and regions

Movements from one region to another are being tightly controlled. It is proposed that a letter be provided to your staff when they need to travel in the controlled regions within a province or between provinces.

We invite you to use our model authorization letter [here](#). The letter, in Word format, will be uploaded automatically.

British Columbia

Updates on Technical Safety BC's current policies and the steps they are taking to keep employees, clients, and all British Columbians safe can be found on their [COVID-19 page](#).

- During or prior to being able to complete the required training for re-certification: Individuals can continue to perform their duties on an interim basis **for three (3) months post expiry of their certificate**. This will only be allowed until social distancing rules are removed.
- If a business has had to close due to COVID-19, and is no longer generating revenue, and their gas operating permit has expired or will expire while they are closed: They will not need to pay a renewal fee for their expired gas operating permit until the business is reopened. In all other cases for gas permits, permit renewals can be done through Technical Safety BC's [client portal](#) or through their contact centre at contact@technicalafetybc.ca.

Extension of training certificates

Provincial governments have indicated their acceptance of expired PTI certification providing they expired during the state of emergency situation, and for the duration specified for the province in which they operate. Please see the full list as of April 6, 2020 [here](#).

REMINDER

As a training provider, you have to reconsider current methods of training delivery in line with the Orders issued by the Provincial Health Officers in all the provinces.

Trainers, please consult [CPA Guide to hosting a training session during COVID-19](#).

Need of personal protective equipment

Last Week, Prime Minister Trudeau [announced](#) that roughly 3,000 Canadian companies have answered the government's call for volunteers to help health care workers in their fight against COVID-19.

The Government of Canada is working closely with these businesses and manufacturers. The government is confident that, together, we can produce and distribute the personal protective equipment and critical health supplies necessary to care for Canadians.

The federal government has asked associations such as the CPA to reach out to members to see if they can help. Particularly, there is a current need of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as:

- Masks and face shields, gowns and hand sanitizer;
- Equipment and supplies, including portable ventilators, surgical masks and rapid testing kits;
- Cleaning and sterilization chemicals and equipment; and
- Technical and manufacturer expertise.

Thank you to those who contribute - there are already many of you.

Disinfection response teams

Emergency Response Assistance Canada, CPA'S subsidiary, has developed an application displaying [disinfection response teams](#) across Canada.

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