COVID-19:

Supports For Business Member Survey Results
Résultats du sondage auprès auprès des entreprises

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COVID-19: What Governments Can do to Support Business

- Incentives for import-export of essential supplies
- Eliminate taxes of medical equipment and supplies
- Provide business advisory and technical guidance
- Provide funding and incentives for technology to support remote work for staff
- Speed up government payments (to vendors, contractors, etc.)
- Cut interest rates
- Provide a bigger economic stimulus program
- Provide resources for employees that will get laid off
- Create resources for employees who must self-isolate
- Allow for delayed municipal property tax payments without penalty
- General tax credits and cuts
- Suspend loan payments
- Provide payroll tax breaks
- Work with banks to offer 0% loans, guarantees, deferrals or lines of credit
- More flexibility of timelines for tax remittances (eliminate late remittance penalties)
- Enhance EI access or wage replacement for employees

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BUSINESSES CURRENTLY IMPACTED BY COVID-19
- Yes: 82%
- No: 9%
- Unsure: 9%

BUSINESSES EXPECTING TO BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19 IN THE FUTURE
- Yes: 94%
- No: 5%
- Don’t know: 1%
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Other feedback about business impacts or proposed solutions:

We’re at the tip of the iceberg - once businesses that had decided to be open are mandated to close, it will be hard to justify opening them for a Long time. I can’t wait until some light commerce and flow is encouraged for ALL of our financial and mental health. It’s as important as US-Can trade to sm. Bus.

Providing the ability for small business owners to access EI or some other benefit program - many of us don’t qualify for EI and have very little ability to pay personal bills, because we are trying to leave money in company.

Self employed seasonal tourism operators who do not pay into EI and have to delay opening will soon be having problems paying bills etc. The tourism sector is going to be hit hard. If there is no travel for months there will be no money coming in and will need help to survive.

Other impacts include: Commercial Mortgage, Equipment Leases, Credit card, Phone, electric, oil, town H2O&sewer bills

I am in an industry where people only come when they feel they have “extra money” to spend...this is significantly decreasing on a daily basis. If I get too far behind I may have to close.
Other feedback about business impacts or proposed solutions (Cont’d):

I had to temporarily lay off 4 of my employees today as we closed our Taproom.

The new minimum wage increase will further impact small business on top of the COVID-19. Not feeling positive about the future of small business in the Annapolis Valley and other rural communities.

I am self employed without EI. How will the government help me out? My work involves me being in person with clients which is not possible right now.

Tourism bookings for the spring are already dropping off significantly. How can small tourism operators start to ramp up operations in the spring with no cash flow?

I am self employed and work alone so I am concerned about how the government will have support for individuals that are experiencing clients canceling and work opportunities diminishing.
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Other includes: limited customer traffic/access, encourage over phone payments, cancelled appointments, layoffs, delayed opening, reduction in staff and services, no call back of seasonal workers.

COVID-19: Steps Businesses Have Taken

- We've cancelled meetings, events, or gatherings: 60.00%
- We've increased facility cleaning and sanitation: 60.00%
- We are limiting employee travel: 40.00%
- Other: 30.00%
- We've reduced hours/size of operations: 20.00%
- We've asked employees to work from home: 20.00%
- We've closed our business temporarily: 10.00%
- We've had to cancel contracts: 10.00%
- We've required employees to work from home: 10.00%
- No measures taken: 0.00%
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Business Location

Number of Employees

Urban | Rural

0-5  | 6-20  | 21-50 | 51-100 | 101-499 | 500+

0.00% | 10.00% | 20.00% | 30.00% | 40.00% | 50.00% | 60.00%
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Sectors

- Transportation and Warehousing
- Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Waste Management and Remediation Services
- Educational Services
- Construction
- Administrative and Support
- Wholesale Trade
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Retail Trade
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Finance and Insurance
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Accommodation and Food Service
- Other

Others include: engineering, esthetics/spa, business consulting, tourism, advocacy/non profit, manufacturing, retail and wholesale, non-profit/recreational, and distribution
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