Available Federal Government Support:

- The new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
  - $2000 per month for up to 4 months.
  - Accessible through a secure web portal starting in early April.

- Emergency Care Benefit
  - Provides up to $900 bi-weekly, for up to 15 weeks for workers, caregivers, parents and self-employed.

- Increasing the Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
  - An additional $300 will be paid through the Canada Child Benefit per child.
  - No need to apply if you already receive the Canada Child Benefit.

- Special Good and Services Tax credit payment
  - One-time payment of ~$400 for individuals and ~$600 for couples paid by early May 2020.
  - No need to apply for this payment.

- Extra time to file income tax returns
  - Personal tax filing deferred to June 1st, 2020 and payment for new balances to August 31st, 2020.

- Apply for Employment Insurance
  - Expanded eligibility and waiting period for sickness removed.
  - Apply through the portal linked below.

- Improve access to Employment Insurance sickness benefits
  - EI sickness benefits will no longer require a medical certificate for the sick, quarantined or self-isolating

- Reduced minimum withdrawals for Registered Retirement Income Funds
  - Required minimum withdrawals from Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) by 25%

- A moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans
  - There is a 6-month interest-free moratorium on the repayment of Canada Student Loans.
  - No need to apply for this pause in repayments.
• **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy**
  o 75% wage subsidy to eligible employers, retroactive to March 15th, 2020

**Additional Programs Available in British Columbia:**

**Emergency Benefit for Workers**
  o Provides a one-time payment of $1,000 to people who have lost income due to Covid-19.
  o [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports)

**Rental Assistance Program (RAP)**
  o The new temporary rent supplement will provide up to $500 per month.
  o [https://www.bchousing.org/BCTRS](https://www.bchousing.org/BCTRS)

**ICBC**
  o Customers can defer their monthly payments for up to 90 days with no penalty.

**BC Hydro**
  o 1% rate reduction, 3-month bill credit, subsidies up to $600 and payment deferrals are available.

**Fortis BC**
  o Late payment fees are being waived and flexible payment options are available.

**Mortgage deferrals**
  o Canada’s largest banks are offering mortgage payment relief to customers by way of deferred mortgage payments

**Climate Action Tax Credit**
  o The B.C. government announced a one-time enhanced B.C. climate action tax credit payment for July 2020 to assist in the response to COVID-19.
  o [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/personal/credits/climate-action](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/personal/credits/climate-action)