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## COVID-19 UPDATE #120

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## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

### **[New Mobile App to Help Notify Canadians of Potential COVID-19 Exposure Now Available](#)**

- Over the past several months, Canadians have been following public health advice and doing their part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Now, as we take steps to ease restrictions and safely restart our economy, we need to continue to work together to contain the virus and keep Canadians safe and healthy. Prime Minister Trudeau and the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, announced that COVID Alert, a new national mobile app, is now available to Canadians for free download. The app, first developed in Ontario, helps notify users if they may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

### **[Some Passport Services in Canada Resuming by Mail and by Appointment](#)**

- The Government of Canada has started the gradual resumption of some passport services in Canada. Starting today, Canadians can apply for a passport by mail. If Canadians have an immediate need for a passport or are travelling in less than 30 days with proof of travel, they can request in-person appointments. Applicants can visit [Canada.ca/passport](https://Canada.ca/passport) to learn more and find out how to apply.

### **[Government Announces New Extension of Rent Relief for Small Businesses](#)**

- The Government of Canada is taking strong, immediate and effective action to protect Canadians and businesses from the impacts of the global pandemic through its [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#). Today, Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced that the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program will be extended by one month to help eligible small businesses pay rent for August.



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## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Safely and Gradually Reopens DriveTest Centres](#)** - People will be able to access more drive testing services as the Ontario government moves DriveTest centres into the second phase of its reopening plan. Beginning on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020, road testing for class G2 and all motorcycle licences will resume and the number of locations offering commercial driver road tests will expand.

**[Ontario Implementing Additional Measures at Bars and Restaurants to Help Limit the Spread of COVID-19](#)** - The Ontario government, in consultation with the Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, has amended orders [O. Reg 364/20](#): Rules for Areas in Stage 3 and [O. Reg. 263/20](#): Rules for Areas in Stage 2, under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, implementing additional measures for restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments, as the province carefully and gradually reopens.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**Carleton Place Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Fraud Warning** - Computer users beware! Carleton Place OPP received a call on July 21st, 2020 just before 9:30 a.m. after a Mississippi Mills resident had been on the computer when it froze and a message popped up with a telephone number to call. The person called the number and was told their computer could be fixed for \$599. The amount was paid by credit card. The resident then learned their computer had been breached. Never call any numbers that appear on your computer screen. If you are having issues, take it physically to a local computer repair business, call the company you purchased it from, or call your computer security company directly.

Between July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Lanark County OPP received several calls from citizens who provided their full or partial Social Insurance Number (SIN) to online scammers. Your SIN number is only required for working. No one else needs it and you should never provide this number over the phone or verify the number (including parts of it) EVER if someone calls you out of the blue; regardless of what they say or who they say they work for.

