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## **COVID-19 UPDATE #64**

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The Town of Carleton Place continues to monitor new information regarding the COVID19 pandemic.

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

Prime Minister Trudeau announced that application documents and updated criteria for [Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance](#) (CECRA) for small businesses are now available, and that the program will be opened for applications beginning on May 25.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry Navdeep Bains, announced the [opening of the application process](#) for the government's Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility (LEEFF). The program will support Canada's largest employers, whose needs during the pandemic are not being met through conventional financing. LEEFF will help successful applicants keep their operations going.

## **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES**

As the Ontario government carefully and gradually reopens the province, those taking public transit, returning to work or going out shopping are being urged to continue to adhere to public health advice as the best line of defence against COVID-19. To assist the public, the Ministry of Health today released [specific recommendations](#) on how to choose, wear and care for appropriate face coverings used in public where physical distancing is not possible, along with additional safety measures for provincial transit agencies.





## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority**

As we deal with COVID-19, we are reminded of the value and importance of our public health system. Twenty years ago, this May, Ontarians were reeling with the news of different public health event: the Walkerton Water Tragedy. The community of Walkerton, Ontario, located north-west of Toronto with a population of less than 5,000 at the time, saw seven deaths, and 2,300 people fall ill, after breakdowns in the local water system. The drinking supply in Walkerton became contaminated by *Escherichia coli* and *Campylobacter jejuni* bacteria.

And while May is a somber time for Walkerton and Canadians as a whole, we hope that locally we can take comfort that we have made [advances through legislation and local teamwork](#) which together are ensuring that our municipal drinking water sources are safe and abundant - now and into the future.

We remember those who lost their lives in Walkerton twenty years ago this month and we think of all the people whose health continues to be affected from that tragedy.

Thank you to those in public health, environmental protection and local citizens who continue to work and advocate for safe drinking water. Together we are all part of this work to protect public health in Ontario. Let's all do our part to keep ourselves, our families and each other safe.

