



Community Update – May 25

Emerging Wisely Current State: Relaxing Phase 1: First Steps

Students Available for Babysitting

As we Emerge Wisely and move forward in the Relaxing Phases more community members will be able to return to their worksites. Parents and guardians, please keep local students in mind for childcare.

Government of Canada

Hotline to provide small businesses in need with financial planning advice amid COVID-19

The Government of Canada has launched a four-week hotline service called the Business Resilience Service. This service will help entrepreneurs and small business owners in need of financial planning advice, particularly those who may not have access to an accountant. The service will also be open to not-for-profit organizations and charities.

The hotline is a national, bilingual service operated by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. As of today, small business owners with pressing financial needs can call 1-866-989-1080 (toll-free) seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET).

Government of Canada launches new website for financial support for Canadians

The Government of Canada has launched a new website that contains information about COVID-19 emergency benefits, Employment Insurance, pensions and benefits for housing, education, training, family and people with disabilities. For more information, go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits.html>

NWT Wage Top-up program

The NWT Wage Top-up Program is a 16 week (April to July 2020) hourly wage top-up for Northwest Territories workers who are at least 15 years old and who make less than \$18 per hour. Participating employers receive \$50 per employee. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/community-governments/economic-recovery>

Financial supports for NWT residents during COVID-19

The GNWT has implemented a number of financial supports for people, families, students and businesses during COVID-19. To find out more information, visit <https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/en/services/financial-support>

Extensions for drivers' licence, general ID cards, and motor vehicle certificates

The GNWT has extended the expiration dates of driver's licences, general identification cards, and motor vehicle certificates of registration to June 1, 2020. Details are available at <https://www.inf.gov.nt.ca/en/services/driver-and-vehicle-services>