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Employer Supports

**Wage Subsidy Legislation**

The federal government’s proposed wage subsidy for employers received royal assent Saturday. The subsidy is available to corporations, partnerships, individuals and non-profits who pay wages and have experienced a 15% decrease in their revenues in March 2020 and who experience 30% decreases in revenue in April and May 2020. The Act recognizes three (3) distinct and separate “eligibility periods” as follows:

1. **Period 1:** March 15 – April 11, 2020;
2. **Period 2:** April 12 – May 9, 2020; and/or

The STA will commit to provide a membership brief on the new wage subsidy employers by end of this week.

**Employee Anxiety**

In order to support the psychological health and safety of your employees, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) recommends employers consider the following six tips:

1. Have a plan
2. Communicate, share and be open
3. Empathize
4. Reassure—as best you can
5. Understand
6. Recognize this is not quite “business as usual”

Please follow the link for a breakdown of each point

News from the STA Office

Saskatchewan Trucking Association Virtual Classes Now Happening!
Upcoming COR Training May 12-14

The Health and Safety System Building HSSB course is the first step to achieving your Trucking Industry Certificate of Recognition (COR) through the Saskatchewan Trucking Association and endorsed by Mission Zero WorkSafe Saskatchewan. This comprehensive and challenging course is designed to guide and assist safety personnel in the development and implementation of a Health and Safety System.

Register Today!

Life didn't Bring you Lemons: A truck did

Check out STA Policy Analyst Jordan's latest blog post on the response to COVID-19 from the Saskatchewan trucking community. Life Didn’t Bring you Lemons: A truck did.

Hand Sanitizer

Going forward when ordering sanitizer please follow the instructions below:

Email Paige directly paige@smooth42.ca and mention that the STA sent you.

Use the website www.bulCONDSanitizer.ca, Please put the rep as Paige and the pick up as emerald with notes that they are a member of the STA so it can be prioritized.
HAL Insurance & CTCI

HAL and CTCI continue to operate to the public, however, our office is closed off to the public. If you need assistance with license plates or renewing your drivers license, contact HAL today and we can do that for you (306-569-2150). For CTCI related matters, which includes IRP contact Rhonda at CTCI.

Canadian Trucking Alliance

Thank-A-Trucker

CEO of Group Health, Matt Houghton

The STA is looking for our members to get on social media and Thank A Trucker. If you are a trucking manager, take to social media and tell the world why you are thankful for your drivers. Make sure to use #Thankatrucker.
The CBSA is making progress towards expanded use of email and fax, in lieu of paper submissions of commercial documentation. The first wave of ports to offer email service will be Vancouver, Toronto, Windsor, Montreal and Halifax. Additional offices will come online shortly. Commercial clients are encouraged to communicate with their local CBSA office to determine their state of readiness and the best method currently available. Please note that carriers need to obtain confirmation from the local office prior to sending documents by email. Please see Annex A [here](#) – for details and note the updates in red and updated images of electronic CBSA stamps.

### Jurisdictional Update

#### British Columbia

After some clarification, BC has updated its self-isolation plan requirements to exempt truck drivers who do not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and certain other occupations upon entry to BC from having to create a self-isolation plan. “Workers exempt from the federal Quarantine Act do not have to create a self-isolation plan. They are not required to self-isolate for 14 days.”

A person who provides an essential service is any asymptomatic person (showing no symptoms) in the trade and transportation sector who are important for the movement of goods, including truck drivers. Further details can be found, [here](#).

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