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# FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

This information graphic was prepared by Vibrant Communities Calgary and Momentum to provide Calgarians with credible information about the different financial resources that are available in response to COVID-19.

**THE CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT IS AVAILABLE TO CANADIANS BEGINNING IN APRIL 2020, BY REGISTERING FOR AN ACCOUNT WITH THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY OR BY CALLING 1-800-622-6232.**

**THE BENEFIT RATE IS \$2000 PER MONTH FOR 16 WEEKS OR 4 MONTHS.**

Roberta works as a hairdresser at a salon, but she was recently laid off due to COVID-19 social distancing measures. Roberta tried to apply for regular Employment Insurance, but she discovers she does not qualify. Roberta must apply for the **Emergency Response Benefit**.

Erin was working as an independent contractor but must now leave her job to care for her children at home as her children's daycare has closed. Erin does not qualify for Employment Insurance, she must apply for the **Emergency Response Benefit**.

## EMERGENCY ISOLATION SUPPORT BENEFIT

Tim has been informed by Alberta Health Services that he is required to self-isolate because he has symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. Tim has been working for cash in odd construction jobs and has been driving for Uber on a part time basis. He does not qualify for Employment Insurance (EI). Tim can apply for the Emergency Isolation Support - offered by the Government of Alberta. He will receive a one-time payment of \$1,146 to bridge the gap until he receives federal benefits. If he is still sick or recovering when this benefit runs out, Tim can apply for the Government of Canada's Emergency Response Benefit.

## REGULAR EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY

Jorge works part time at a nonprofit organization, he has worked the required 630 hours in the past year (that's around 15 hours per week) so he does qualify for Employment Insurance. Jorge has been temporarily laid off and should apply for regular EI benefits. Jorge must ask his employer for a Record of Employment then he can apply online or he can call 1-800-622-6232. Jorge can expect to receive up to 55% of his weekly pay or \$573 per week, whichever is less.

## EMERGENCY ISOLATION SUPPORT

The Government of Alberta is offering temporary financial support for working Albertans who must self-isolate because they meet the published criteria for self-isolation. This includes people who are the sole care-giver for a child or dependent adult who must self-isolate because they meet the public health criteria, and who will not have another source of income while they are self-isolated. A one-time payment of \$1,146 will be distributed to bridge the gap until the different federal emergency payments begin in April. The program will be available through a simple online application at <https://emergencyisolationsupport.alberta.ca/>

If none of these scenarios apply to you visit Momentum's blog page for additional information on financial supports <https://momentum.org/financial-supports-for-people-impacted-by-covid-19/>

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