

# COVID-19 Response Plan

Manitoba Government – Support for Canadians

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## MB Support for Businesses

Program	Eligibility	Benefit	Action Needed
<b>Manitoba Bridge Grant (MBG)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Businesses eligible for the grant include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential retailers;</li> <li>Restaurants, bars, beverage rooms, brewpubs, microbreweries, distilleries;</li> <li>Recreation and sports facilities;</li> <li>Museums and galleries;</li> <li>Theatres and concert halls;</li> <li>Not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations;</li> <li>Home-based businesses including but not limited to: event planners, photographers, artists, tradespeople; and</li> <li>Registered charities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MGB provides immediate, one-time payment of \$5,000 to small and medium-sized businesses and organizations that were impacted as a result of MB COVID-19 protection orders</li> <li>Second stream announced; eligible businesses that applied during period of November 16 – December 31, 2020 can receive second payment of \$5,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to apply for both streams was December 31, 2020</li> <li>MB Government will begin issuing second payments beginning January 8, 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Manitoba Gap Protection Program (MGPP)</b> <b>(closed – program has ended)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicable to businesses that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Were operational on March 20, 2020;</li> <li>Have temporarily ceased or curtailed operations as a result of a COVID-19 public health order and have been harmed by the order;</li> <li>Are registered and in good standing with the MB Business and Corporate Registry;</li> <li>Have not qualified for federal government COVID-19 grant support; and</li> <li>Have an email address and bank account</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible businesses may receive non-interest bearing forgivable MGPP loan of \$6,000</li> <li>Loan will be forgiven on December 31, 2020, if recipient attests at that time that no other major non-repayable COVID-19 federal supports received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More details available: <a href="#">MGPP</a></li> </ul>



<b>Manitoba Protection Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicable to Manitoba businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Among other non-tax measures, MB not charging interest or penalties on education property taxes and Workers Compensation Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required</li> <li>More details available: <a href="#">Supports for Businesses</a></li> </ul>
<b>Manitoba Back to Work Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to all Manitoba-based, private-sector and non-profit employers operating in Manitoba and meet following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possess active and valid Business Number, business bank account and email address;</li> <li>Registered and in good standing with Companies Office (not required for sole proprietors); and</li> <li>Has not received funding support from another government program for same position (not including the federal TWS)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 percent of wage costs between July 16 and December 31, 2020, to a maximum of \$5,000 per worker</li> <li>Employers can hire 20 new or rehired employees under this program</li> <li>Employers that applied on or after November 10 will receive a lump sum upon submitting final claims</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications must have been submitted on or before December 1, 2020</li> <li>Employers must provide proof of payment of wages and supporting payroll documentation by February 1, 2021</li> <li>More details available: <a href="#">Back to Work MB Program</a></li> </ul>
<b>Retail Sales Tax (RST) Deadlines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicable to small- and medium-sized businesses with monthly RST remittances of no more than \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension to April and May tax filing deadlines to June 22, 2020</li> <li>Additionally, businesses that file on a quarterly basis with a due date of April 20, 2020 are also eligible for extension to June 22, 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action required</li> </ul>

### MB Support for Individuals

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<b>Caregiver Wage Support Program (CWSP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be eligible for the program applicants must meet all the criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earn a regular wage of \$25/hr or less excluding shift premiums and overtime rates</li> <li>Work in one or more of the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care aide or equivalent</li> <li>Housekeeping staff</li> <li>House Supervisor</li> <li>Direct Service Worker</li> <li>Your Care Worker / Practitioner</li> <li>Recreation Worker</li> <li>Rehabilitation Worker</li> </ul> </li> <li>Work in one or more of the following facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child and Family Services Group Home</li> <li>Community Living disability Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible applicants will receive a \$5 per hour wage supplement</li> <li>Eligible hours include actual regular and overtime hours worked between November 1, 2020 and January 10, 2021, performed in an eligible position and facility</li> <li>A 10% withholding tax will be remitted to the CRA on the applicant's behalf</li> <li>A T4A information slip will be issued to applicants for inclusion in their 2020 and 2021 income tax returns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications accepted in following intake windows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intake 1: December 7 – December 14, 2020</li> <li>Intake 2: January 11 – January 18, 2021</li> </ul> </li> <li>For more details, see <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>



	<p>(CLDS) shift-staffed group home or 24/7 cluster living arrangement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency Placement Resources shelter</li> <li>▪ Family violence prevention shelter</li> <li>▪ Homeless shelter</li> <li>▪ Personal care home</li> <li>▪ Retirement residence</li> <li>▪ Supportive housing residence</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possess a valid SIN, email address and a valid Canadian bank account</li> </ul>		
<b>Manitoba Protection Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicable to Manitoba individuals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among other non-tax measures, the MB has instructed Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas and Manitoba Public Insurance to not charge interest and penalties in the event Manitobans are unable to pay at this time (applicable until October 1, 2020)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action required</li> <li>• More details available: <a href="#">Supports for Individuals</a></li> </ul>

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