Hello,

As you know, we are currently navigating challenging and unprecedented times in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have created this brief newsletter to summarize some of the resources and supports for you, your family, or business in this current situation. Please feel free to share this with others who may find it useful -- and if anyone wishes to be added to our newsletter list, please send us a message.

The Huron--Bruce constituency team and myself are here to help you. While our offices remain physically closed to walk-in visits, we can be reached by email at
Stay at Home

The most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home, except for essential reasons, and to limit the number of essential trips. Who are you staying home to protect?

Click on the image above to learn more.

Accessing Test Results

To give patients direct access to their COVID-19 lab results, Ontario Health has launched a new website. This new tool will help ease pressure on public health units and on front line workers.

Click on the image above to learn more.

Do you have symptoms?

If you think you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, use this self-assessment to help determine how to seek further care.

Take the self-assessment online

lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org or by calling (Blyth) 519-523-4251 or (Kincardine) 519-396-3007. All calls and emails are monitored and will be answered as soon as possible.

Stay safe, and together we will overcome this.

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Mental Health Support

The Ontario government is making it easier for everyone, especially those on the front lines, to reach out for mental health support during the COVID-19 outbreak. We've added resources to improve access to telephone, online and virtual supports.

Click on the image above to learn more about the resources available.

What's still open?

Following advice from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario updated the list of essential services that can remain open. Those not identified on the updated list were required to close their physical locations by 11:59pm on April 4th.

Click on the image above to see the list and the toll free number to address questions.

I've been laid off. What now?

If you've been laid off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you can apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit administered by the federal government. Canadians who are eligible for Employment Insurance and who have lost their job can continue to apply for EI. Please note, you can apply to one of these two support programs, not both.

EI Application

CERB Application
Electricity Pricing

To support Ontario’s families, small businesses and farms, we’ve suspended time-of-use pricing for 45 days. This means the off-peak price of 10.1 cents per-kilowatt-hour will apply around the clock - customers will see rate reductions of over 50 per cent.

To lean more, click on the image.

Support for Families

The new 'Support for Families' program will provide parents with a one-time per child payment of $200 for kids 12 and under; $250 for kids or youth 21 and under with special needs. Please note that if you applied to the 'Support for Parents' program during the labour disruption you will automatically receive the payment.

Apply now above.

Supporting our Agri-Food Industry during COVID-19

Across Huron--Bruce and many corners of the province, the agri-food industry is facing new and unexpected challenges. Despite that, our farmers and their families are working hard to keep food on the plates of Ontarians and proudly doing their part in the supply change. To learn more about measures in place to support the agricultural sector and available resources, click here.

Agri-Food Jobs

The government of Ontario recently launched an online portal for anyone who is seeking work opportunities in the agricultural industry to support demands during COVID-19.

Click on the image or visit the website to apply

Tax filing deadlines have changed.
The Government of Canada has extended the personal and corporate tax filing deadline to June 1, 2020. In addition, taxpayers will have until August 31, 2020 to pay any 2019 income tax amounts owed.

Learn More

COVID-19 Modelling

On April 3rd, Ontario released COVID-19 modelling, revealing several scenarios that project both the potential number of cases and deaths. The models show that the potential to spread COVID-19 is massive and deadly if we don't act swiftly to stay home and practice physical distancing.

Read the presentation by clicking on the image above.

Ontario schools remain closed

To fight the spread of COVID-19, Ontario public schools will remain closed to teachers until May 1st, and to students until May 4th. The closure may be extended if necessary to protect the health and safety of students, families and staff. Meanwhile the government is ensuring that students can learn at home

See the Resources

- How to self-monitor
- How to self-isolate
- Government of Canada
- Government of Ontario
- Ontario Public Health
- Grey Bruce Public Health Unit
- Huron Perth Public Health Unit
Find out more

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