

Good Afternoon,

Here are the most recent updates as of the afternoon of Monday, May 11th:

## **Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)**

CECRA aims to lower rent for small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19. It is anticipated that the CECRA program will be launched in the coming weeks. A number of commercial landlords have expressed their concerns about the program. One issue pertains to requiring a mortgage on the property in order to receive aid. CDA has raised this issue with the Federal government in recent weeks, and underlined the issue as part of its presentation to the Finance Committee. NLDA will report any further updates about the Program as new information becomes available.

## Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to be extended

As part of his regular briefing on Friday morning, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) will be extended beyond the planned end on June 6, 2020. Further details about the extension will be released next week. The request for an extension of the CEWS program was part of CDA's presentation to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Finance last Friday. As of today, approximately 180,000 businesses across Canada have applied for the CEWS.

## **Getting Dentists Ready to Get Back to Work**

The National Task Force has completed a Back to Work plan and the Panel, an adhoc committee with members from the NLDA and the NLDB, is reviewing this document to ensure that it works for Newfoundland and Labrador dentists. Once reviewed and adjusted this plan will be sent to the NLDB for final approval. <u>Click here</u> to view the plan.

## **Media Updates**

CBC NL - N.L. marks 1st day in new stage of reopening plan with zero new cases of COVID-19 <u>https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-</u>labrador/alert-level-4-nl-monday-1.5564365

Our next update will be Tuesday afternoon, May 12th. We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Squires on behalf of Dr. Paul Hurley, President of the NLDA

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