



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

**RANDEEP  
SARAI**

Member of Parliament  
Surrey Centre

**CONSTITUENCY OFFICE**  
10362 King George Blvd  
Surrey, BC V3T 2W5  
Tel. 604-589-2441

✉ [randeep.sarai@parl.gc.ca](mailto:randeep.sarai@parl.gc.ca)

🌐 [randeepsarai.libparl.ca](http://randeepsarai.libparl.ca)

f [/randeepssarai](https://www.facebook.com/randeepssarai)

🐦 [@randeepssarai](https://twitter.com/randeepssarai)

📷 [@surreysarai](https://www.instagram.com/surreysarai)

## A MESSAGE

Dear Surrey Centre residents,

I hope you have been keeping well over the past few months.

We have seen a true team Canada effort across the country to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Canadians have stepped up to ensure the safety of their communities. We have also seen the world come together to help each other repatriate citizens who were caught abroad as borders closed and flights were cancelled, as well as innovators across the globe working hard to create a vaccine.

As our economy begins to re-open, we return to work, and our communities get more active, we must remain cautious and continue to follow the advice of Canada's Public Health officials. This will help us avoid another surge in cases, as we have seen in other parts of the world. We are not out of the woods yet and must remain vigilant to

protect our community's most vulnerable populations.

As you continue to do your part, our government will continue to support you. We have announced the Safe Restart agreement with the provinces and territories, an extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and more.

I would like to remind you that my team and I are here to support you and offer our assistance with anything related to Government of Canada services. We can be reached by email at [randeep.sarai@parl.gc.ca](mailto:randeep.sarai@parl.gc.ca) or by phone (604) 589-2441.

Stay safe and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Randeep S. Sarai  
Member of Parliament  
Surrey Centre

**Summer 2020**

### HOW TO SAFELY USE A NON-MEDICAL MASK OR FACE COVERING

#### DO'S



**DO** wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others.



**DO** ensure the mask is made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric.



**DO** inspect the mask for tears or holes.



**DO** ensure the mask or face covering is clean and dry.



**DO** wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching the mask or face covering.



**DO** use the ear loops or ties to put on and remove the mask.



**DO** ensure your nose and mouth are fully covered.



**DO** replace and launder your mask whenever it becomes damp or dirty.



**DO** wash your mask with hot, soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.



**DO** store reusable masks in a clean paper bag until you wear it again.



**DO** discard masks that cannot be washed in a plastic-lined garbage bin after use.

#### DO YOUR PART.

Wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others when you can't maintain a 2-metre distance.

#### NON-MEDICAL MASKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR:

- People who suffer from an illness or disabilities that make it difficult to put on or take off a mask
- Those who have difficulty breathing
- Children under the age of 2

#### DON'T JUDGE OTHERS FOR NOT WEARING A MASK.

Kindness is important as some people may not be able to wear a mask or face covering.

#### DON'TS



**DON'T** reuse masks that are moist, dirty or damaged.



**DON'T** wear a loose mask.



**DON'T** touch the mask while wearing it.



**DON'T** remove the mask to talk to someone.



**DON'T** hang the mask from your neck or ears.



**DON'T** share your mask.



**DON'T** leave your used mask within the reach of others.

**REMEMBER**, wearing a non-medical mask or face covering alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19. You must also wash your hands often, practise physical distancing and stay home if you are sick.



Public Health Agency of Canada / Agence de la santé publique du Canada

Canada

## SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Taking care of our mental health is extremely important during times like this. To help support Canadians, we have launched the Wellness Together Canada portal: <https://ca.portal.gc.ca/>

Important resources if you need help:

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868  
or Text CONNECT to 686868  
Hope for Wellness Help Line 1-855-242-3310

Crisis Services Canada 1-833-456-4566  
Hope for Wellness Helpline (for Indigenous peoples)  
1-855-242-3310

# CANADA'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE PLAN

To make sure Canadians have the ability to continue to pay their bills and support their families, our government has introduced a wide range of support and benefits for Canadians and businesses.

For more information on all support available through our Economic Response Plan, please visit [canada.ca/coronavirus](https://canada.ca/coronavirus)

## Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

More than 8 million Canadians have accessed CERB to help them pay their bills.

## Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

CEWS has helped more than 3 million Canadians keep or return to their jobs. The CEWS will be available until December 2020.

## Support for Seniors

6.7 million seniors received the one-time, tax-free GIS and OAS payment of up to \$500.

## Emergency Community Support Fund

\$350 million to support vulnerable Canadians through charities and non-profit organizations that deliver essential services to those in need.

## Top up for low-wage workers

\$3 billion in support to increase the wages of low-income essential workers. Each province or territory determined which workers would be eligible for support, and how much support they would receive.

## Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)

More than 600,000 students have received the Canada Emergency Student Benefit.

## Reaching Homes

\$157 million for additional funding, for homeless-serving organizations to invest in PPE, supplies and spaces.

## Canada Child Benefit (CCB)

3.7 million families received the special one-time \$300 top-up of the Canada Child Benefit for each child.

# CANADA'S SAFE RESTART AGREEMENT

Fighting COVID-19 has always been a Team Canada effort and it continues to be one as we move into the recovery phase.

Our government's agreement with the provinces and territories will see over **\$19 billion** (including \$2 billion for the province of BC) invested in protecting the health of Canadians, getting people safely back to work, and preparing for a potential second wave. Together, as a country, we're laying the groundwork for our economic recovery.

This **Safe Restart Agreement** for the next six months includes investments in priority areas:

1. \$2 billion to help **municipalities** deliver key services, plus \$1.8 billion for transit;
2. \$4.28 billion to increasing **testing and contact tracing**;
3. \$700 million in additional support for **provincial and territorial healthcare systems**, \$500 million to address challenges related to mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness;
4. \$4.5 billion for securing **personal protective equipment** for frontline healthcare workers and businesses;
5. **\$740 million** to support the most vulnerable, including seniors in long-term care facilities and nursing homes;
6. \$625 million to ensure **safe child care** is available so parents can return to work;
7. \$1.1 billion income support program for those who do not have **paid sick leave**.



# SPRING 2020 RECAP

## FROM SURREY CENTRE TO OTTAWA



Delivering meals to Surrey Memorial's and the Kinsmen Lodge's incredible frontline workers.

With travel restriction to reduce the spread of COVID-19, Parliament went to a hybrid format. This meant that MP's who were unable to travel to Ottawa over the last few months continued to have an opportunity to engage in the House of Commons.

Over the last few months while working from home, I have had the opportunity to ask Ministers for updates on our government's COVID response like CEWS and CEBA and recognize June as Filipino Heritage Month with a statement in the House.



The grand opening of the Guru Nanak Food Bank on July 1st. In three months the Guru Nanak Food Bank prepared and distributed 75,000 boxes of food in our community.



# SPRING 2020 RECAP

## FROM SURREY CENTRE TO OTTAWA



On June 26th, I had the pleasure of attending the re-opening ceremony for the Vancouver Aquarium, with my family and my colleague, Member of Parliament for Burnaby North - Seymour, Terry Beech.

Our government announced a \$2 million contribution to help the Vancouver Aquarium and Ocean Wise care for the aquarium's 70,000 animals.



### Global Village Canada Day Celebration

We recognized all of the volunteers and board of directors who worked tirelessly to make 12,000 masks to help protect our community from COVID-19. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

On July 10th, I traveled back to Ottawa briefly, to attend a Meeting of the Standing Committee on International Trade.

The committee heard from expert witnesses on the topic of the impact of COVID-19 on trade between Canada and the United States and Canada and the United Kingdom.



### REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1-833-784-4397

@canada.ca/coronavirus

Please continue to consult local COVID-19 public health recommendations. For more information please visit: [gov.bc.ca](http://gov.bc.ca) and [surrey.ca](http://surrey.ca)

**For more information on all COVID-19 support from the Government of Canada**

**please visit:**

**[canada.ca/coronavirus](http://canada.ca/coronavirus)**