



COVID-19 Information for Individuals & Families

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Ontario Releases Economic & Fiscal Update and Local PPE Drive

The Province Releases *Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19*

In place of the full budget, the Province delivered an Economic and Fiscal update with details on new funding and initiatives to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. Some of the key details include:

- A one-time payment of \$200 per child up to 12 years of age, and \$250 for those with special needs, including children enrolled in private schools.
- A proposal to double the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payment for low-income seniors for six months.
- Expansion of eligibility for the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and assurance that electricity and natural gas services are not disconnected for nonpayment during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Providing six months of Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) loan and interest accrual relief for student borrowers, in partnership with the federal government.

For more detailed information please [click here](#) and [here](#).

Headwaters Needs Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The COVID-19 pandemic is putting significant strain on vital hospital resources including much-needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Headwaters is asking for help through donations of any unused, unopened and unexpired PPE.
- At this time, they cannot accept other related supplies, including hand-sewn masks.
- Items needed include:
 - Protective gloves
 - Ear-loop masks
 - N95 masks
 - Gowns
 - Vented goggles
- Deliveries can be made to Headwaters' shipping and receiving department at 100 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 4X9. Monday to Friday from 8am to 3:30pm.
- Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to during drop-off. Please stay two metres (six feet) away from other people.
- All donations will be inspected, assessed, cleaned and disinfected (where possible).
- An online donation form is available on the hospital's website to make the drop off easier. If you don't have a form a member of the team will provide one for the items donated.

For further information please [click here](#) or email info@headwatershealth.ca