

## COVID-19 Tip Sheet

Dear National,

The fallout arising from the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose serious social, health and economic challenges across the world.

With this in mind, this tip sheet has been created to assist you with accessing trusted, timely and accurate information from reliable institutions that are rendering assistance within Canada. We hope you find this information useful and that you will share with your networks.

Please continue to remain safe by adhering to the protocols and recommendations offered by the Canadian public health authorities.

### Registering for a Travel Authorization Certificate

All persons entering Jamaica will be required to apply for and receive a Travel Authorization Certificate (TAC) using the portal [www.visitjamaica.com](http://www.visitjamaica.com). This process must be executed at least **five (5) days** prior to your intended date of travel. Each traveler must apply separately, including infants. This link will also provide pertinent and updated information regarding the COVID 19 protocols implemented by the Government of Jamaica.

### The following Jamaican-Canadian organizations can provide information pertaining to accessing food, medication and other essential supplies.

Jamaican Canadian Association  
995 Arrow Road, Toronto ON  
M9M 2Z5  
Tel: 416-746-5772  
Website: [www.jcaontario.org](http://www.jcaontario.org)

Jamaican Association of Montreal  
4065 Jean Talon West  
Montreal, Quebec H4P 1W6  
Tel: 514-737-8229  
Email: [info@jam-montreal.com](mailto:info@jam-montreal.com)

Destiny Gospel Centre (Prayer and Counseling also offered)  
32 Main Street, Markham ON  
L3P 1X5  
Tel: 905-201-1449  
Website: [www.destinygospelcentre.ca](http://www.destinygospelcentre.ca)

Helping Hands International (Prayer and Counseling also offered)  
Tel: 647-819-6477  
Website: [www.helping-hands.ca](http://www.helping-hands.ca)

North Peel Community Church  
6060 King Street East  
Caledon, ON  
L7C 0S1  
Email: [info@npcchurch.ca](mailto:info@npcchurch.ca)  
Tel: 905-584-9032

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Caribbean African Canadian Social Services (Prayer and Counseling offered)  
995 Arrow Road, North York  
Tel: 416-740-1056  
Website: <https://cafcan.org/our-services/family-services/mental-health-counselling/>  
Email: [info@cafcan.org](mailto:info@cafcan.org)

Reverend Willard Thomas (Prayer and Counseling offered)  
Malvern Christian Assembly  
6705 Sheppard Avenue East  
Scarborough, ON  
M1B 3C1  
Tel: 647-213-5177

Bishop Basil Miller (Food and Grocery)  
Scarborough Church Of God  
3576 St. Clair Avenue East  
Scarborough, ON  
M1K 1M2  
Tel: 416-755-5335  
Email: [scog@rogers.com](mailto:scog@rogers.com)

Pastor Deborah Nembhard-Colquhoun (Food and Grocery)  
Spiritual Hospital Ministry  
1179 Finch Avenue West, Unit 16  
Toronto, ON  
M3J 2G1  
Tel: 416-650-0677  
Email: [info@spiritualhospital.ca](mailto:info@spiritualhospital.ca) or [wilkiedeborahkevin@yahoo.ca](mailto:wilkiedeborahkevin@yahoo.ca)

Reverend Claudine Benjamin (Prayer, Counseling, Food and Grocery)  
Newlife Church Community Ministries  
117 Eddystone Avenue  
North York, ON  
M3N 1H5  
Tel: 647-852-3494/416-901-9531  
Email: [claudinebenjamin@gmail.com](mailto:claudinebenjamin@gmail.com)

Bishop Raymond Cornish (Prayer and Counseling offered)  
Deliverance Centre Church  
1831 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R2R 2A9  
Te: 204-632-3351 (church); 204-510-8399 (emergency cell)  
Email: [raycorn1@yahoo.com](mailto:raycorn1@yahoo.com)

Pastor/Chaplain Devon Clunis (Prayer and Counseling offered-**Manitoba**)  
Tel: 204-330-1298  
Email: [devonclunis@clunisconsulting.com](mailto:devonclunis@clunisconsulting.com)

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Chaplain Reverend Heather Jennings (Prayer and Counselling)  
Genesis Praise Centre  
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Scarborough, Ontario  
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### **Jamaican Honorary Consuls in Canada:**

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Honorary Consul for Jamaica  
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Honorary Consul for Jamaica  
10420-103 Avenue  
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Fax: 780-476-3311  
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Dr. Michael Vaughan  
Honorary Consul for Jamaica  
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Tel: 250-382-6368  
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### **Information for International Students – COVID -19**

*Individuals are encouraged to read through all the information available on each government website listed and to consult these sites regularly for the latest information relevant to their situation. In this regard, the link provided contains important updates for international students <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>*

### **CERB Programme**

#### **1. Eligibility for Government of Canada-funded benefits**

- International students who meet the eligibility criteria laid out for either the **Employment Insurance (EI) program**, or the **new Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) program**, may qualify to receive these financial supports. International students who are currently in Canada, who have worked the minimum number of hours and who meet the minimum income threshold can apply to these programs.
- Employment and Social Development Canada has published information on the new **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)** introduced as part of the **Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan**. This measure targets workers in Canada whose income from employment or self-employment has been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. More information can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2020/04/canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-launch-on-april-6.html>.
- For the most up-to-date information on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), including a list of frequently asked questions, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application.html>
- The aforementioned site includes questions and answers, such as:
  - **Can you receive the Canada Emergency Response Benefit if you are not a citizen or permanent resident?**
  - *To be eligible for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, you must reside in Canada and have a valid Social Insurance Number.*
  - *Workers who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents – including temporary foreign workers and international students – may be eligible to receive the Benefit if they meet the other eligibility requirements.*
- **Applications for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit will be accepted as of April 6.** Information on how to get ready to apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit is available online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html>
- More information on the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>.
- More information from Employment and Social Development Canada on Government of Canada benefits and services: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>.

#### **2. Information for Government of Canada-funded scholarship students**

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- Global Affairs Canada is in close contact with its scholarship program administrators to identify guidance and support required by scholarship recipients. Individuals with concerns should reach out to their host institutions in Canada as a first point of contact.
- International Scholarships deadlines: GAC has extended all open scholarship competition deadlines by three weeks. More information can be found at the [EduCanada.ca](https://www.educanada.ca) website.
- International students that are currently in Canada under one of the Student Exchange Programs, including the inbound portion of the Canada-China Scholars' Exchange Program (CCSEP), have the option to return to their home countries and finish their studies online (if their school offers that option). There will be no penalties for doing so. If a student wishes to withdraw completely from the program, they will still receive a prorated amount of the scholarship.
- To stay up-to-date with the latest information on Government of Canada funded scholarships, please subscribe to the [EduCanada RSS feed](#) and [visit](#) our Facebook page [@EduCanada.Official](#).

### 3. Health Care, including Mental Health

- International students are encouraged to reach out to and remain in contact with their host institutions in Canada, in particular the international students' office, and their health care coverage providers to receive information on measures and supports in place for international students at this time.
- GAC is in regular contact with Canadian education associations, representing Canadian education institutions across the country, and it is our understanding that Canadian institutions are proactively providing psychological and mental health support related to the pandemic to their national and international students.
- Students are also encouraged to consult regularly municipal and provincial/territorial public health resources for information on guidelines and supports that apply to their host communities.

### 4. Housing

- International students living on campus are encouraged to reach out to and remain in contact with their Canadian host institutions, in particular the international students' office, to receive information on housing services and supports in place for international students at this time.
- Each institution makes its own decisions with regard to support and mitigation measures for their students.
- GAC is in regular contact with Canadian education associations, representing Canadian education institutions across the country, and it is our understanding that the majority of Canadian education institutions are keeping their campus dormitories open for international students and Canadian students who may not have other accommodations. Where campus housing is no longer available, institutions are working closely with international students to help them find housing.

### **Canada Recovery Benefit**

Please use link provided to obtain information about this programme <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-benefit.html>

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**\*\* Please note that the information provided herein is subject to change\*\***