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CLR Members,

### **Provincial Update**

We have mentioned it before, but just a reminder that if you need to extend temporary layoffs beyond the August 30, 2020 expiry date, there is less than a week to make sure your online application is received by the Employment Standards Branch. Applications are due Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the latest. Here is the link for the online application:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/hours/variances?utm\\_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm\\_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc\\_cid=b75021a764&mc\\_eid=121a240b97](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards/hours/variances?utm_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc_cid=b75021a764&mc_eid=121a240b97)

I don't normally report on things too far removed from construction, but many of you will have young kids and will be making plans for their eventual return to school. The understanding is that schools will reopen with kids returning to the classroom on September 10. With that date looming closer, there are continued releases of information and details on safety protocols, including mandatory masks where social distancing can't be accomplished. The following media story may be helpful:

[https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-announces-masks-will-be-mandatory-in-schools-when-physical-distancing-can-t-be-maintained-1.5689882?utm\\_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm\\_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc\\_cid=b75021a764&mc\\_eid=121a240b97](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-announces-masks-will-be-mandatory-in-schools-when-physical-distancing-can-t-be-maintained-1.5689882?utm_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc_cid=b75021a764&mc_eid=121a240b97)

### **National Update**

I am sure its probably not a surprise to anyone, but the Canada/US border closure has been extended once again for all non-essential travel. The border will now stay closed for these travellers until September 21. With so many Washington plates on the roads, I am not sure how well the closure is working, but...

BuildForce has released its mid-year investment report as an update to the investment outlook contained in their 2020-2029 Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward outlook, which was released in February 2020. This new report summarizes some of the most immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the construction industry and provides a preliminary province-by-province outlook on construction demand for the immediate 2020-2022 period. To read the report, the link can be found here:

[https://www.constructionforecasts.ca/sites/forecast/files/pdf/BuildForce\\_Looking\\_beyond\\_COVID-19\\_2020-2022\\_investment\\_update.pdf?utm\\_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm\\_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc\\_cid=b75021a764&mc\\_eid=121a240b97](https://www.constructionforecasts.ca/sites/forecast/files/pdf/BuildForce_Looking_beyond_COVID-19_2020-2022_investment_update.pdf?utm_source=BC+Construction+Association&utm_campaign=b75021a764-BCCA BRIEFING MAY 2019 COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_048e6515f7-b75021a764-103910409&mc_cid=b75021a764&mc_eid=121a240b97)

Have a safe and enjoyable end to your week and weekend.

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