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**Importance:** High

CLR Members,

The BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) has developed the following new resources for your use:

- [Office Reopening Guidance](#)
- [Ergonomics – Working from your home office](#)
- [Protecting Workers at Large Industrial Camps \(Ministry of Health Document\)](#)
- [Protecting Workers, Contractors and Employers working in the Natural Resource Sector \(Ministry of Health Document\)](#)

Additionally, BCCSA is continuing with LIVE Q&A sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays. All sessions are recorded and can be found [here](#). These are designed for construction Health and Safety representatives to help them improve health and safety on construction sites in a practical way.

Regional Safety Advisors are situated throughout the Province for consultation at no cost to BCCSA members (construction sector 72, plus Aggregate CU 704008, and Ready-Mixed CU 712033). Consultation can be conducted in-person or remotely. They can be contacted through the BCCSA website where you will find their contact information.

Finally, there are a number of COVID-19 related resources [here](#) ranging from Q&A to Signage.

### **Federal Update**

In his daily address, the Prime Minister (PM) focused on testing, contact tracing, and need for sharing of data and information as the provincial economies slowly reopen. He has asked for provinces to share their re-opening plans and stressed that the federal government has offered to assist and financially support their efforts. Reporters asked about the availability of a Coronavirus App for phones that can be used for contact tracing and reporting purposes. The PM pointed out that the App development continue to face challenges and Apple and others are working on fixing them. The Canadian government will continue to monitor progress.

The PM asked Canadians to do their parts to curb the growing racism and “hateful acts” appearing in Canada under this pandemic. He thanked those that are already taking a stand and asked other Canadians to join them. “This is not who we are”.

Reporters asked about the PM’s plans to invite all Members of Parliament back to parliament. His response was vague focusing only on the work that needs to be done rather than physical location. In the end, it seems that no change in the current format will be happening in the coming weeks.

In response to questions from reporters suggesting that the subsidy programs are serving now as a disincentive for getting people to return to work (suggested by Quebec government), the PM defended the need for the subsidy programs and maintains that people want to work, including students.

Have a great weekend. Please continue to adhere to social distancing and other PHO guidelines, and use PPE where you are unable to do so.

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