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Alberta Open For Summer Plan

On May 26, Premier Jason Kenney announced that Open For Summer Plan would begin on June 1 and outline a plan to return to normal. The 3 step process uses vaccination targets along with the decline in hospitalizations as the method to safely ease restrictions.

Further information on all the steps can be found [here](#).

Member Directory



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The 2021 Alberta Perspectives Survey results on Skills, Training and Labour Market policy have been released today. Some of the findings that have been identified in the survey is that businesses report that they are still finding it difficult to hire people with the entry level skills they need for the business. This is an increase compared to the data in 2020.

The highlights of this survey can be found in the media release [here](#).

Latest Economic News

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Alberta Jobs Now Program

The Alberta Jobs Now program has been launched to help get Albertans back to work who are either unemployed or underemployed.

A total of 370 million dollars has been provided to help both private and non-profit businesses can apply to take advantage of this funding. The grants available can be used to offset salary or training costs, or both, equal to 25% of of a new hire's salary up to \$25,000 per employee or 37.5% of the new hire's salary up to \$37,500 per employee with a disability.

The portal for applications is open for the first intake between May 20 and August 31, 2021. More information can be found [here](#).



“The Voice of Business”

Chamber of Commerce To Provide COVID-19 Rapid Tests

A new program is now available from the Cold Lake Regional Chamber where businesses can submit an application in order to use rapid testing for employees in their business. The media release giving a brief overview of the program can be found [here](#). In order to obtain the application form, please contact the Chamber office.

Extension of Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant

In a recent announcement from the Government of Alberta, the Small and Medium enterprise Relaunch Grant has been extended to June 30, 2021. This extension allows for more time for businesses to take advantage of this program before the application deadline.

Eligible businesses are able to receive a grant of up to \$10,000 dollars through this grant. Further details can be found [here](#).

Coming up on June 2 is this session on how to obtain a security clearance when bidding on federal government contracts.

SECURITY CLEARANCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
12:00 - 1:00 PM



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