



MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD  
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**Email of April 19, 2021 from Doug Robertson:**

**RE: News from LGL Health Unit, Provincial Government and Business Support Programs**

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Dear Merrickville-Wolford Business Owner,

At this time of continued announcements and changes due to COVID-19, we are sharing some information from our District Health Unit and from the provincial government on programs to assist local businesses and organizations:

**Leeds Grenville Lanark District Health Unit shares latest notice from Medical Officer of Health on infection control measures** – Please see the attached notice of [April 16/21 from the Medical Officer of Health](#) and information about preventing COVID-19 in the workplace, along with fact sheets regarding [protective eyewear](#) and [face coverings](#). Please share this information with your business and organization contacts.

**Click for information on the [Provincewide Stay-At-Home Order](#) and [Emergency Orders currently in force](#)** including updates as of today, April 19/21 and extension dates into May 2021.

## **Ontario Announces Emergency Child Care for Critical Frontline Workers**

- The Ontario government is providing [eligible health care and other frontline workers](#) with free emergency child care for school-aged children, starting today, April 19, 2021. The announcement was made following the [province's decision to move elementary and secondary students](#) across the province to remote learning following the April spring break. From grocery store clerks to hospital workers, eligible parents and guardians with a school-aged child or children looking to access an emergency child care program should contact their local [service system manager](#) for information and registration.

## **Government Funding for not-for-profits, charitable organizations and event organizers – deadlines coming up soon:**

- [The Community Building Fund – Operating stream](#) delivered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation provides support for non-profits and Indigenous communities in the community **arts and culture, heritage, tourism, sport and recreation sectors** to help sustain their operations and create new attractions, experiences and events. Organizations applying to this stream of the Community Building Fund must have a significant presence in the noted sectors and operate facilities and/or deliver experiences or programs in Ontario that are open to the public, and must meet additional criteria. [Learn more here](#), including contact information for application support. **Application deadline is April 28, 2021 at 5 PM ET.**
- [Reconnect Festival and Event Program](#) - is for eligible festivals and events taking place between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022. For this program the Ontario government is providing support to event organizers who are finding new, exciting and engaging ways to deliver local programming during the pandemic. [These innovative ideas are creating opportunities for people across Ontario to reconnect with the beauty and diversity of their communities in new ways, whether in person or online, while providing local jobs.](#) Click for [program information and Application Guide](#) and to consult with a [regional tourism advisor](#), or email [CelebrateOntario@ontario.ca](mailto:CelebrateOntario@ontario.ca). **Application deadline is April 20, 2021, at 5 PM ET.**

**Small Business Advisory Centre (SBAC) Virtual Business Advisory Service and other Events** – Local businesses looking for expert advice from business professionals including accountants, lawyers, marketing & social media experts, and more can contact [Cindy James](#) at the SBAC or call 613-283-7002, ext 108. The SBAC offers one-on-one services with business professionals at no charge through its [Virtual Business Advisory Service](#). Also see the many events and seminars for local businesses [here](#).

**Community Future Development Corporation (CFDC) Business Financing and Funding** – Federal government support continues to be available to local businesses through local third party delivery agency [Valley Heartland CFDC](#). For more information on support programs, financing and funding, [click here](#) to contact Valley Heartland or call 613-283-7002.

**Digital Main Street Program Extended into June** - Our local **Digital Service Squad (DSS)** continues to work with many local businesses, for free. With program funding from the Ontario Business Improvement Association extended until June 4/21, and parameters changed to include a wider geography of bricks and mortar storefronts, our DSS member, Cyndy Bolton, is an excellent resource for businesses looking to build their online shop, increase their digital presence and more. Cyndy can be reached at [cyndy.bolton@uclg.on.ca](mailto:cyndy.bolton@uclg.on.ca) and would be glad to connect with local businesses to help meet digital goals.

As always, for a regularly updated listing of small business resources, government support and relief programs, and local PPE Suppliers, please see the [United Counties of Leeds Grenville Economic Development Covid-19 page](#).

Please feel free to contact our [Economic Development Officer](#) or call 613-269-4791, ext. 242 for more information on programs for businesses and let us know if you have business contacts to add to our email distribution list.

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