

# COVID-19: Learn about the benefits available

## Support for individuals

### Single parent, with an income of \$30,000 in 2018

**Violet** works at a store on a reserve.

After the announcement that her 4-year-old son's daycare was closed, Violet has had to take unpaid leave from her work to care for him. Violet is not EI-eligible.

### Available benefits

- ✓ Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB): **\$2,000** monthly for up to 4 months
- ✓ GST/HST credit top-up payment: a one-time payment of **\$733** starting April 9
- ✓ Temporary boost in Canada Child Benefit (CCB)  
Payments: **\$300** added to her May 20, 2020 payment

#### **This could mean \$9,000+ in additional support.**

Violet didn't need to reapply for the GST/HST credit top-up payment or the CCB boost. These were automatically applied based on information from her 2018 income tax return. However, if she doesn't already receive these benefits, she should file a 2018 income tax and benefit return to receive the GST/HST credit she is entitled to, and apply for the CCB, even if she has no taxable income.

If Violet has questions about her benefits, or wants to learn how to access them, she can visit [Canada.ca/economic-response-plan](https://Canada.ca/economic-response-plan).

If she has never filed an income tax return with the CRA, or has other questions about her tax information, she can call 1 800-959-8281 for help. If she would like information on CERB she can call 1-833-699-0299.

### In practical terms...

While Violet takes unpaid leave from her work because the daycare is closed, she could be eligible for the CERB and receive \$2,000 monthly for up to 4 months. Violet needs to re-confirm each time she applies that she stopped working due to COVID-19 while she is staying home from work to care for her child.

She received a GST/HST credit top-up payment of \$733 in April. Her May 20, 2020 CCB payment was also boosted by \$300.

Violet may also receive additional support from her First Nation's government, which has leveraged funding from the new [Indigenous Community Support Fund](#) to put additional measures in place to serve community members, such as food bank or nutritional assistance and support for children such as learning packages, school supplies, workbooks, educational flashcards and others.

Indigenous Services Canada is also working with First Nations communities to provide needs-based support for health and emergency management.

