

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO COVID-19 MARCH 2020 E-COMMUNIQUE

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **March 2020 COVID-19 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Important Information from the Federal and Provincial Governments about COVID-19
- New Website: LBS and COVID-19
- Update on CLO's Office During COVID-19

We in the LBS community are shocked and concerned about the COVID-19 Coronavirus. We are pleased to share some helpful and factual resources related to this topic. We will continue to share information and resources related to COVID-19 via e-communiqués and via social media. If you have strategies and ideas to share that are working in your agency, please share them with us.

This is a difficult time for everyone, let's stay connected and share information with one another. Please stay safe and take good care of yourself and each other.

With warmest regards from the Board and Staff of Community Literacy of Ontario.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ABOUT COVID-19

Both the Federal Government and the Government of Ontario have prepared helpful websites about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Find out how to protect yourself, the current level of risk, the status of cases in our country and in our province, how to recognize possible symptoms and more. The Ontario website is also available in a wide variety of languages. These important websites are updated twice daily.

- **Ontario Government – COVID-19 Website:** www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus
- **Federal Government – COVID-19 Website:** www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html



The Public Health Agencies for our Ontario and Canada are another great source of factual and up-to-date information on COVID-19:

- **Public Health Ontario:** www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus
- **Public Health Canada:** www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html

As well, here are two recent important announcements from the Provincial and Federal Governments:

- “Ontario Enacts Declaration of Emergency to Protect the Public. Significantly Enhanced Measures will Help Contain Spread of COVID-19” (March 16, 2020) <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/3/ontario-enacts-declaration-of-emergency-to-protect-the-public.html>
- “Prime Minister announces new actions under Canada’s COVID-19 response” (March 16, 2020) <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/03/16/prime-minister-announces-new-actions-under-canadas-covid-19-response>

NEW WEBSITE: LBS AND COVID-19

To help us all navigate the challenges of COVID-19, AlphaPlus has created 'LBS and COVID-19' website.

This website is set up on Google Sites at: <https://sites.google.com/alphaplus.ca/covid/>.

On the 'LBS and COVID-19' website, the LBS community will have the opportunity to share information and resources to keep us all connected and learning together as we navigate this unfamiliar landscape.



The 'LBS and COVID-19' website includes:

- General announcements and updates from the government and LBS programs
- Links to information about COVID-19
- Tips and tools to support working from home – ideas for connecting online and via mobile apps, setting up online courses, sharing and managing content, even sending out texts from your computer
- Resources for learners to help them access online learning content while the programs are closed

This site is an ongoing work in progress and the LBS community is invited to contribute wisdom, information and resources to help us build and expand it. Thank you, AlphaPlus, for creating this helpful website. Let the sharing begin!

UPDATE ON CLO'S OFFICE DURING COVID-19

In order to reduce the risk of spreading of COVID-19 and following the recommendations of public health officials, the office of Community Literacy of Ontario will be closed from March 16 until April 5, 2020.

Services are still available and our staff will be working remotely and monitoring phones, email and our social media accounts.

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