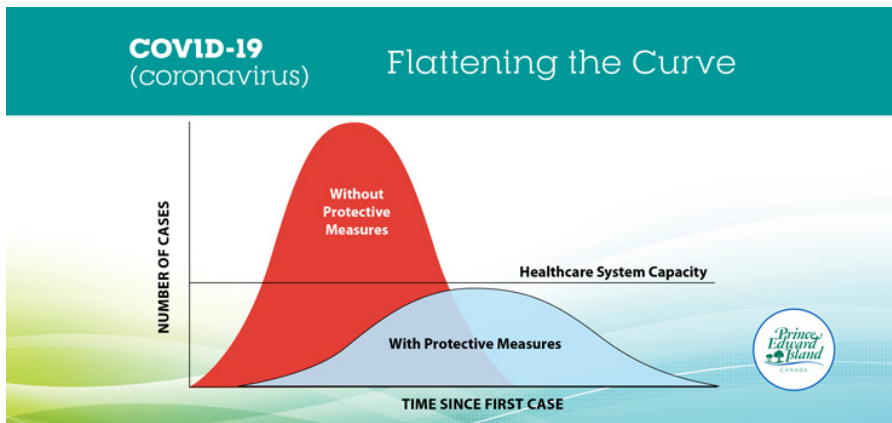


# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND UPDATE

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## Prince Edward Island Government Update



- For general health questions about COVID-19, call 1-800-958-6400.
- If you have returned from travel, including from within Canada, and have symptoms, including a cough, fever or difficulty breathing, call 811.
- Are you a PEI business with questions about COVID-19? Call 1-866-222-1751 or email [peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca](mailto:peibusinesshelpline@gov.pe.ca) (link sends e-mail) for all business inquiries.

*“Islanders want to work. They want to contribute to their communities, but right now we know this is difficult as we focus on protecting the health and safety of Islanders. The supports we are extending will offer Islanders who need it some stability and security during this difficult time. We will continue to look at ways we can provide immediate relief to Islanders, working across government and with community partners.” - Premier Dennis King*

For PEI Government Link:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en>

## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL MANAGER JEFF RICHARDSON

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

During this uncertain time, I want to personally reach out to each member and their families to reassure you that our union leadership is busy working to support the membership through this global pandemic. Our office and our partners are here to inform, assist and reassure you. We are all in this together.

When the news of this novel coronavirus surfaced I had concerns as I am sure many of you did as well. At that time no one could foresee the impact it would have on our lives, the economy and our industry. During this time you may have concerns about your health, your job, your family and your community. Please take the time to explore the options that are available to assist you through this period and if you have questions or need assistance, you can reach me at **902-759-1922**.

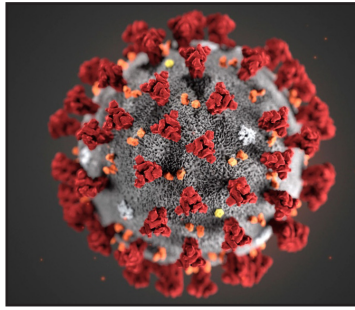
We must follow the advice of our Health Care Professionals and practice social distancing, wash hands often and avoid touching your face and if you develop a new cough and/or fever seek medical advice via the online screening tool/call 811. PEI medical officer says if sites do not have water for hand washing they need to have 60% or higher alcohol sanitizer.

Together, we will get through this. We are working closely with our contractors and our partners to ensure when this is over we will be ready. I look forward to everyone's healthy and safe return to work.

Fraternally yours,  
Jeff Richardson

## KNOW THE SIGNS!

Health Canada recommends the following procedures to increase proper hygiene and reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others:



- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food;
- use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands;
- when coughing or sneezing:
- cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand
- dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards

**SYMPTOMS:** The following are common symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Dry cough
- Difficulty breathing

**RISK:** You are at a greater risk for COVID-19 if:

- You have recently travelled to a COVID-19-impacted area
- You have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- You have been in close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to a COVID-19-impacted area

If you experience the symptoms above AND/OR you have a higher risk of developing COVID-19, please contact your health care provider. You can also call 811 to speak with a registered nurse.

## OFFICE STATUS

Our office in Charlottetown is closed to the public, however, you can reach Business Rep Colin Porter at **902-626-9151** or Regional Manager Jeff Richardson at **902-759-1922**. Our own team has had to make hard decisions about staffing balanced with safety and financial responsibility, but our phone line, email and fax are still monitored.

## Coughlin & Associates

Coughlin & Associates have closed their offices, but have a team working remotely to answer your questions via email, visit [Coughlin.ca](http://Coughlin.ca) for more information.

For claims inquires email: [winnclaims@coughlin.ca](mailto:winnclaims@coughlin.ca) and include your name, employer, member ID and reason for your inquiry.

Website:  
<http://www.coughlin.ca>

Mental Health Resources:  
<https://pcpeople-connect.com/ACRC>

## Family Assistance Program

Our Family Assistance Service with Homewood Health is available, you can access by calling **1-800-663-1142**. If you have a hearing or speech impairment call **1-888-384-1152**. If you are aware of a member that could benefit from this service, please share this information with them.

To stay up-to-date with all ACRC COVID-19 information at our website:

<http://www.acrc.ca/>



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