

Employment Insurance and COVID-19 In effect as of now (March 23, 2020)

Does not apply to full-time teachers, part-time teachers under contract and other teachers who continue to be paid by the school board

Regular Employment Insurance benefits

- If your record of employment indicates a shortage of work and that the interruption of earnings will last at least seven (7) consecutive days;
- If you have accumulated between 420 hours and 700 hours (based on the unemployment rate in your region) within the 52 weeks preceding your request for benefits;
- A one-week waiting period is still required;
- If you applied for EI in the past year, you can reactivate your claim to benefit from the remainder of these EI benefits. You will then need to contact Service Canada, reactivate your claim and declare revenues received from the employer. When reactivating an employment insurance claim, there is no waiting period (already completed).

Employment Insurance sickness benefits

- If you have worked at least 600 hours;
- If you are affected by COVID-19 or an isolation

This quarantine must have been:

- imposed in compliance with federal or provincial laws, or by a public safety office, in the interests of public health and safety;
 - recommended by a public safety officer, in the interest of public health and safety. Furthermore, an employer, doctor, nursing staff or any other person in a position of authority has asked the individual to comply with this quarantine.
- These benefits are for no more than 15 weeks;
 - Service Canada has put in place support measures: the waiving of the one-week waiting period for people and priority EI application processing for people in isolation. However, you have to call a dedicated phone number to benefit from these measures:

Dedicated toll-free Service Canada phone number is: 1-833-381-2725

- For both types of benefits, you are entitled to 55% of your gross income up to a maximum of \$573 per week for a period ranging from 14 to 45 weeks depending on the unemployment rate in your region and the number of hours accumulated.

You can file a claim for benefits even if you do not yet have your Record of Employment, but make sure that your employer issues it. If the employer is unable to issue a ROE, you must ask Service Canada to determine a provisional amount of benefits which will be confirmed once the ROE is received.

You can proceed with your request online.

For more details, consult the following website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>