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Nearly two thirds of small businesses would consider using COVID-19 rapid tests to remain open

Research / Workplace Safety

Widespread use of rapid testing or screening of employees in small businesses could be an important next step in reopening the economy safely, says the **Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)**. In fact, a majority of small business owners (63 per cent) say they would consider using COVID-19 rapid screening in their workplace if it would help their business stay open.

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Breaking LMI News

“Small businesses have willingly adopted every new safety measure and protocol recommended by governments, and it is encouraging that so many are willing to consider using rapid screening in their workplaces,” said Dan Kelly, CFIB’s president. *“And while it is deeply disappointing that it has taken nearly a full year of the pandemic for governments to get serious about using rapid screening, CFIB believes it can be another tool in our arsenal, allowing small firms to remain open and helping us avoid further lockdowns.”*

The sectors most interested in using rapid screening are:

- Social services (e.g. dentists, chiropractors) – 71 per cent
- Hospitality (e.g. restaurants, hotels) – 69 per cent
- Wholesale – 68 per cent
- Construction – 66 per cent
- Personal services (e.g. salons, dry cleaners) – 66 per cent
- Arts and recreation (e.g. gyms, arcades) – 66 per cent

CFIB is calling on the federal and provincial governments to expand on recent large enterprise rapid screening pilots by creating supports to allow small firms to quickly and easily use such screens in their workplaces. CFIB urges governments to use the advice of the **Federal Government’s Industry Advisory Ad Hoc Roundtable** on COVID-19 Testing and Screening, of which CFIB is a member. The group suggests governments create a pathway to allow small employers to use Canada’s pharmacies and private labs to screen for COVID-19 cases. In such a model, small employers could ask their team members to visit a local pharmacy for a rapid screening test once or twice a week, with the data shared with both the employer and employee.

“One of the many critical elements to speed up rapid screening is removing provincial red tape, including restrictions on which professionals can participate in the screening process,” Kelly added.

“Lockdowns are not the only tool in the fight against COVID-19 and their frequent use has caused massive unintended consequences on small businesses and their employees,” Kelly concluded. *“Allowing workplaces to reopen with safety measures, including the expanded use of rapid screening, can*

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help us avoid further lockdowns on Canada's long road to an economic recovery."

Uber Eats partners with Restaurants Canada to provide financial relief to restaurants

Food Service / Transportation

Uber Eats is teaming up with a food industry association to deliver some financial relief to restaurants continuing to face financial challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food delivery giant has partnered with **Restaurants Canada** to hand out \$1 million through the **Eat Local Relief Fund** program. The fund will provide 400 independently owned restaurants across Canada with a \$2,600 cash infusion.

*"As we approach the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, it's never been more important to support local restaurants," said Lola Kassim, general manager of **Uber Eats Canada**. "We are excited to partner with Restaurants Canada on this important initiative."*

Major labour market stories from the past week

For all of the major stories from last week, please login to Labour Market Online and visit the 'Breaking News Section'

- Here are the 15 most sought-after jobs in Vancouver right now [\(Click Here\)](#)
- New report finds COVID-19 pandemic reverses tight labour market in B.C. [\(Click Here\)](#)
- United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 and Huu-ay-aht First Nations Commit to Advancing Reconciliation and Job Creation on TFL 44 [\(Click Here\)](#)
- BC defies second-wave layoff surge [\(Click Here\)](#)
- Non-profit running supportive housing in Maple Ridge named top employer [\(Click Here\)](#)
- Westshore welcomes BC Public Service's first fully mobile workspace [\(Click Here\)](#)
- Deferral of hotel quarantine rules for temporary foreign workers a 'welcome change' [\(Click Here\)](#)
- Unifor sets federal budget priorities to Build Back Better [\(Click Here\)](#)
- Ottawa extends COVID-19 benefits for workers, parents [\(Click Here\)](#)

- Ottawa proposes to guarantee right to work in French in federally regulated companies ([Click Here](#))
- Pandemic prompts 'revolution' in mindset for Vancouver animation studios ([Click Here](#))
- Fort Nelson, BC, forest on chopping block for wood pellets ([Click Here](#))
- Decades of cuts to salmon monitoring leave B.C. scientists uncertain of fish populations ([Click Here](#))
- Province funds economic recovery in north ([Click Here](#))
- Changes to allow emailed documents between landlords and tenants ([Click Here](#))
- Province helping rural British Columbians ([Click Here](#))
- BC jobs minister refuses to commit to extending small business grant deadline ([Click Here](#))
- Interviews wind down for NLC agriculture labour market study ([Click Here](#))
- New B.C. lab delivers thousands of rapid COVID tests to keep film industry rolling ([Click Here](#))
- Improved training supports local meat supply in rural communities ([Click Here](#))
- Government of Canada invests in training to help Canadians become certified in the skilled trades -- Feb. 17, 2021 ([Click Here](#))
- BCAA encourages team members to stretch and grow ([Click Here](#))
- Wesgroup Equipment is committed to employee growth ([Click Here](#))
- BC Centre for Ability works to nurture staff ([Click Here](#))
- Galvanize Named One of BC's Top Employers for Eighth Consecutive Year ([Click Here](#))
- Leading with strong and comprehensive responses to the pandemic: 'BC's Top Employers' for 2021 winners are announced ([Click Here](#))
- Grad school applications soar as Canadians rethink post-pandemic life ([Click Here](#))
- Red Seal trades training offered in Surrey ([Click Here](#))
- Government of Canada makes further investments to help youth facing barriers to employment ([Click Here](#))

This Week in Social Media

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- Vancouver is exploring the option of 24-hour daycares. A 24-hour child-care centre opened in Ontario in 2017 with 70 licensed spots and has a steady waitlist of approximately 800 children.
- If you don't want to go to work, it can come to you. The BC Government has revealed it's very first fully mobile workspace. Workspace could establish a new trend in future office space.
- Nearly two-thirds of small businesses would consider using rapid testing to screen employees if it would help their business to stay open, says a recent survey.

- Engineers and Geoscientists BC has been recognized as BC's best employer for 2021, boasting a flexible environment and an emphasis on work-life balance, a competitive benefits package, and a diverse executive team that emphasizes open and transparent communications.
- The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, has announced \$63.5 million, over five years, for 68 projects as part of the Union Training and Innovation Program through a new call for proposals.

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April 29 and 30, 2021

SFU Harbourside

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Employment Specialist/Job Developer (PT)

CBI Consultants

Vancouver, British Columbia

Closes: February 24, 2021

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Employment Specialist | #1333

Developmental Disabilities Association

Vancouver, British Columbia

Closes: February 28, 2021

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Employment Consultant

Horton Ventures Inc.

Chetwynd, British Columbia

Closes: February 28, 2021

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Employment Liaison Specialist *NEW*

BCCA Integrating Newcomers

Surrey, British Columbia

Closes: March 5, 2021

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Employment Counsellor *NEW*

Immigrant Welcome Centre

Campbell River, British Columbia

Closes: March 10, 2021

Link: [Please Click Here](#)

Job Developer *NEW*

Mission Community Skills Centre Society

Langley, British Columbia

Closes: March 12, 2021

Link: [Please Click Here](#)

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Developmental Disabilities Association

Vancouver, British Columbia

Closes: March 31, 2021

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Employment Consultant *NEW*

WCG Services

Rutland, British Columbia

Closes: April 1, 2021

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Job Developer *NEW*

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Chilliwack, British Columbia
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Employment Counsellor
Kootenay Career Development Society
Nelson, British Columbia
Closes: Open Until Filled
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Did you know?

Fascinating Facts

The federal government has authorized the Canadian Armed Forces to have at least 68,000 regular-force members and 29,000 part-time reservists, which is based on available funding and the missions that the military is expected to undertake. Yet the military was short of those targets by about 2,000 regular-force members and nearly 5,000 reservists at the end of December.

- Canadian Press

Quote of the Week

Career Inspiration

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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