



**NOTICE**  
**Novel Coronavirus COVID-19**  
**MESSAGE TO NB EMPLOYERS**  
**USING PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS**  
**Effective Date: March 19, 2020**

As you may know, work restriction measures have been implemented within the New Brunswick provincial government to protect the health of our clients, employers and employees because of the COVID – 19 situation. During this period, we will be able to provide services in a limited capacity, focusing on essential services.

You are receiving this email as you are an employer who may have temporary residents (staff on work permits) employed. We are providing the following information to you while we work with provincial and federal partners on additional support consideration:

1. Temporary Foreign Workers are eligible to apply to Employment Social Development Canada for benefits (EI and Sick) if they meet eligibility criteria. If your employee doesn't have access to sick benefits or the ability to work from home with your company, they can apply here <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>
2. If your Temporary Foreign Worker has a work permit that is expiring between **now and June 30, 2020**, we are committed to accepting applications and processing the file to avoid further disruption in work. This is being considered an essential service. These workers will need to [register with INB](#), and employers should coordinate with them so that applications will be prepared and submitted ASAP.

**IMPORTANT:** Employers requesting the processing/essential service for their foreign worker are to provide an email to [immigration@gnb.ca](mailto:immigration@gnb.ca) noting in the subject line - Essential Service Request - Company Name. Please provide the employee name, date of birth and a copy of expiring work permit.

3. Please inform your employees that measures taken because of COVID - 19 (self-isolation, etc.) will NOT impact their immigration applications currently being processed by our office, or applications currently being processed federally for permanent residency. We will also be considerate of the program requirements and COVID -19 measures will not impact client eligibility (reduced hours or a break in employment) for new applicants. We understand all measures are outside of their control and the reduction in work hours and availability will be considered.
4. All other inquiries and request for documentation will be conducted via email from our staff or, if you have an active INB account, via your message center.

We will continue to have discussions with the federal government on the impacts of border closures and other measures. We will share as much information as possible once additional information is available. Should you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.