

Employment Insurance (EI)

The Employment Insurance System has made changes since the onset of COVID 19. This taxable benefit is available to eligible Canadian workers to assist those who have lost wages due to various circumstances.

Changes to Regular and Sickness Benefits

- As of Sunday, March 15, all applications for regular or sickness EI have been processed through to the new Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
- When applying for CERB, if you are eligible for EI benefits, you will be directed to apply for CERB through the Employment Insurance system
- Once the four months of CERB concludes and if you are still unable to work due to COVID-related circumstances, you will be eligible to apply for EI benefits

Caregiving, Maternity and Parental Benefits

- Currently there are no changes to caregiving benefits, maternity and parental benefits
- If you qualify for these benefits, you can apply through the [Service Canada website](#)
- If you were already receiving EI benefits and your eligibility period ends before Saturday, October 3, you can apply for CERB if you are unable to go back to work for COVID-related reasons

How can a Calgary Foothills PCN Community Social Worker help?

- Our Community Social Workers can provide details on how Employment Insurance programs can help you based on your individual circumstances. They can also walk you and your family through the application process.
- You can request an initial phone appointment by:
 - Talking to your family doctor
 - Calling 1-855-792-3726 or 587-774-9736

To learn more about Employment Insurance, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>