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A MESSAGE FROM DAN

Canada and the world continue to face the most serious public health crisis in recent history, but throughout it all the people of Saint Boniface—Saint Vital and all Canadians have risen to the challenge. Neighbours have helped neighbours, small businesses have supported their communities, and front-line workers have worked to keep our families healthy and safe.

From the outset we took immediate action to help Canadians with programs like the CERB and CEWS to help Canadians pay

their bills and help businesses keep workers on the payroll. We've worked with the provinces and territories to help fund the services that Canadians rely on, like public transit and healthcare.

We will do whatever it takes to protect the health and safety of Canadians and support them and their businesses for as long as it takes. To build a Canada that works for everyone, we will also take bold action on health, the economy, equality, and the environment.

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SAFE RESTART AGREEMENT

This pandemic has showed that when we all work together, we're all better off. That's why we're working with the provinces and territories to ensure Canadians stay safe and healthy, and have the support they need in these challenging times.

As we gradually restart the economy and take steps to recover from the impacts of COVID-19, we've invested more than \$19 billion to help provinces and territories safely restart their economies and make sure our country is more resilient to possible future waves of the virus.

Manitoba has received \$417.78 million in new funding to help with:

- Increasing **testing and contract tracing**;
- Securing **personal protective equipment** for frontline healthcare workers and businesses;
- Supporting the **most vulnerable**, including seniors in long-term care facilities and nursing homes;
- Ensuring **safe childcare** is available so parents can return to work;
- Supporting people who do not have **paid sick leave**;
- Helping **municipalities** deliver key services, including public transit.

POST-CERB INCOME SUPPORT

The CERB was critical at the start of the pandemic to help more than 8.5 million Canadians pay their bills and put food on the table, as we asked everyone who could to stay home. As the economy begins to restart, we will transition Canadians who have been receiving the CERB to a more flexible and generous EI program for those who qualify, which will provide them additional features and tools to get back into the workforce.

The EI system is a more flexible system, and among other things:

- can offer resources to help you search for and find a new job.
- offers you the possibility of working while on claim, and keeping a bigger part of your earnings.

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Here are some ways we're making EI better and more accessible:

- Freezing EI premiums for 2 years
- One-time credit of 300 insurable hours, so you only need 120 hours to qualify for regular benefits.

To ensure everyone who is looking for a job gets the support they need, we've also created three new benefits to help:

- **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)** - \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks to those who are not eligible for EI, and who still require income support and who are available and looking for work.
- **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)** - \$500 per week for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate for reasons related to COVID-19.
- **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)** - \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks, per household, for eligible Canadians unable to work because they must care for:
 - a child under age 12 due to the closures of schools or daycares because of COVID-19.
 - a family member with a disability or a dependent because their day program or care facility is closed due to COVID-19.
 - a child, a family member with a disability, or a dependent who is not attending school, daycare, or other care facilities under the advice of a medical professional due to being at high-risk if they contract COVID-19.



HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE

As we navigate the fallout of this pandemic and work towards rebuilding, we know that some things cannot go back to business as usual. While our robust health care system has managed the pandemic well, it has made the need for things like **access to a primary care physician, mental health services, virtual healthcare services, and universal pharmacare** more obvious.

Seniors have been immensely affected during this pandemic. To help with social isolation, we announced an additional one-time investment of \$20 million through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP). It funds even more projects delivered by community organizations to provide COVID-19 support activities for seniors.

This means that **7 projects in Saint Boniface—Saint Vital were funded by NHSP this year** to help seniors in our community.



I recently met with Nicole Boonstra, Executive Director of Meadowood Manor, to learn how the additional funds will help seniors' mental health and well-being. Meadowood Manor received \$25,000 through NHSP, one of three organizations in the riding to receive this special funding.