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RIVERDALE IMMIGRANT
WOMEN'S CENTRE

COVID-19 GOVERNMENT BENEFITS & HOW TO ACCESS THEM

WELCOME!

- The session will be 90 minutes.
- We will pause after each slide for questions, and to provide assistance.
- There will also be time for questions at the end of the session.

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WELCOME!

How to, access COVID-19 government benefits

- Benefits Finder
- Financial Support
 - COVID-19 Benefits – Government of Canada
 - COVID -19 Emergency Assistance – Government of Ontario
 - COVID -19 – Support for People – Government of Ontario
 - Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)
- Community Engagement
 - How/Where to Volunteer
 - Seniors Active Living Centres
 - Community Recreation Centres
 - How seniors can combat isolation via A Friendly Voice
- Learning Resources
 - Toronto Public Library Card
 - Lynda.com



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BENEFITS FINDER

Benefits Finder – Government of Canada

- Benefits Finder:
- <https://benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca/hm>
- Will find BOTH Federal and Provincial benefits – Government of Canada and Government of Ontario
- COVID-19 and non COVID-19 benefits

Benefits Finder Results

[✉ Email results](#) [💬 Feedback](#)

Some programs may have additional eligibility criteria not covered by the Benefits Finder. You should contact the program directly to determine your eligibility.

Result Categories:

1. [Covid-19](#)
2. [Child and Family Programs](#)
3. [Education and Training Programs](#)
4. [Employment and Business Start-up Programs](#)
5. [Health Programs](#)
6. [Housing Programs](#)
7. [Immigration Programs](#)
8. [Income Programs](#)
9. [Other Programs](#)



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

COVID-19 Benefits – Government of Canada

- For the most up-to-date resources for COVID-19
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/covid19-emergency-benefits.html>

Services and information

Employment Insurance (EI)

Employment Insurance (EI) has changed to support more Canadians through the pandemic.

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)

Up to 4 weeks of support if you are sick or must self-isolate due to COVID-19.

Consult the COVID-19 benefits available to you

Answer questions about your personal situation and find the benefits that may help you.

Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB) Closed

The CESB ended on September 30, 2020.

Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

Income support if you are self-employed or are not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI).

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

A wage subsidy for Canadian employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

All financial support and services for individuals, businesses, and industries affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

Income support if you must stop work to care for dependents due to closures, high risk and caregiver availability.

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

Rent and mortgage support for qualifying organizations affected by COVID-19.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) Closed

The CERB has ended on December 2, 2020. You can no longer apply for this benefit.



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COVID-19 Benefits – Government of Canada

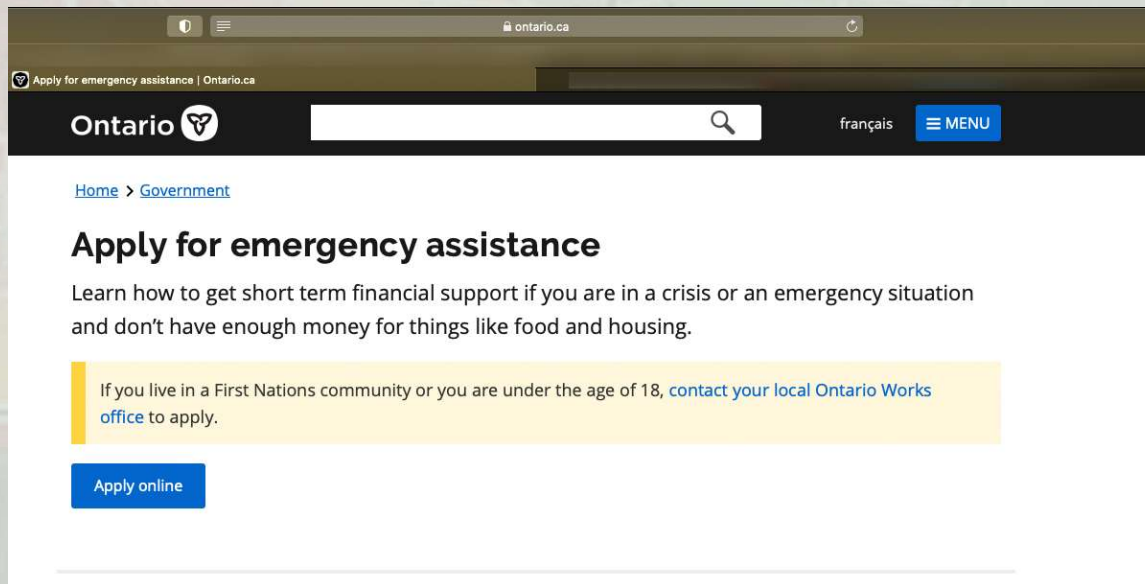


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COVID -19 Emergency Assistance – Government of Ontario

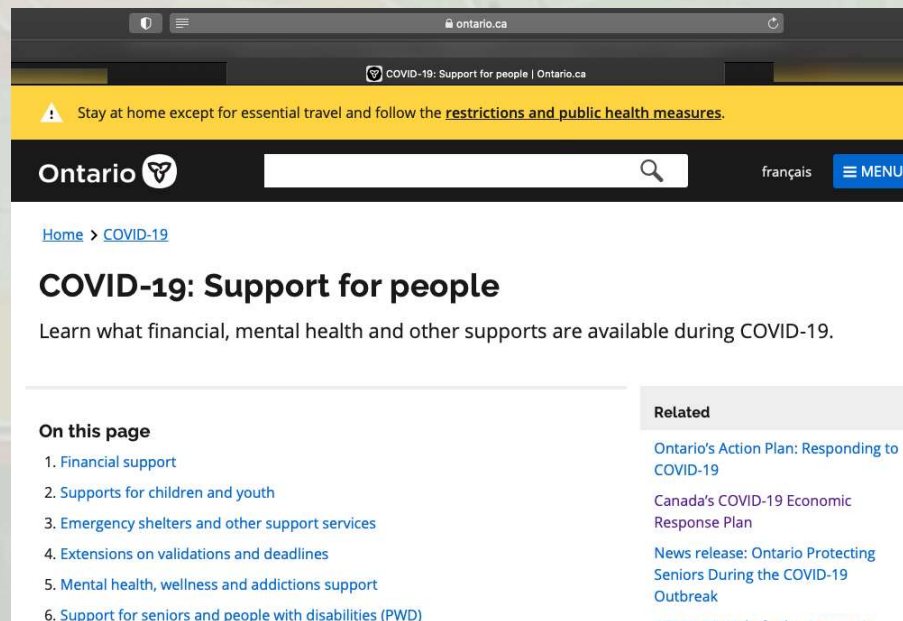
- Short term financial support for a crisis or emergency situation for things like food and housing
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-emergency-assistance>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

COVID -19 – Support for People – Government of Ontario

- Financial, mental health and other supports
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people#finhelp>

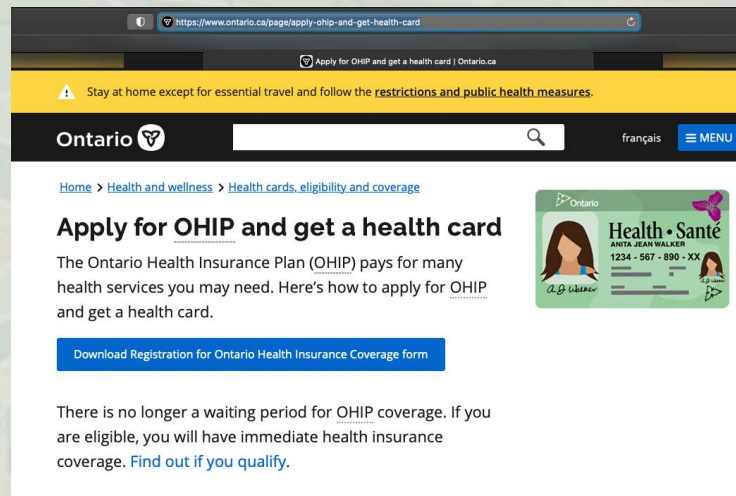


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Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)

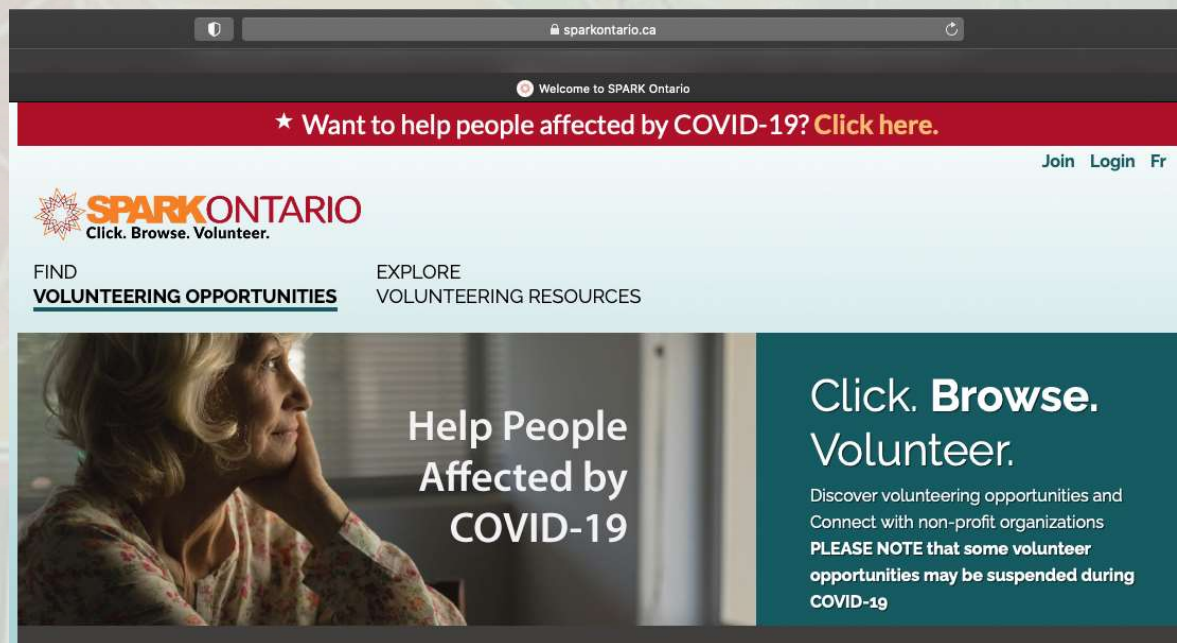
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-ohip-and-get-health-card>
- Ontario Health Care Card Covers:
- Appointments with your family doctor
- Visits to walk-in clinics and some other health care providers
- Visits to an emergency room
- Medical tests and surgeries

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How and Where to Volunteer

- SparkOntario - <https://www.sparkontario.ca>

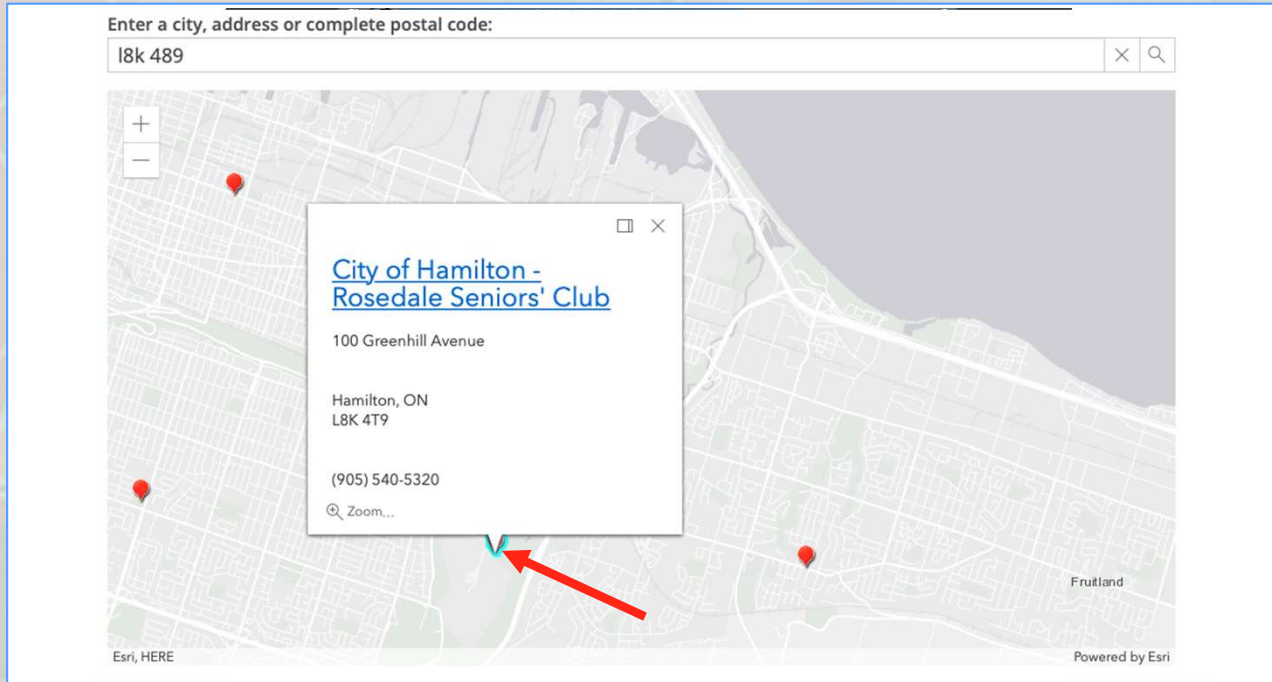


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Seniors Active Living Centres

- Use this Government of Ontario website to find one near you
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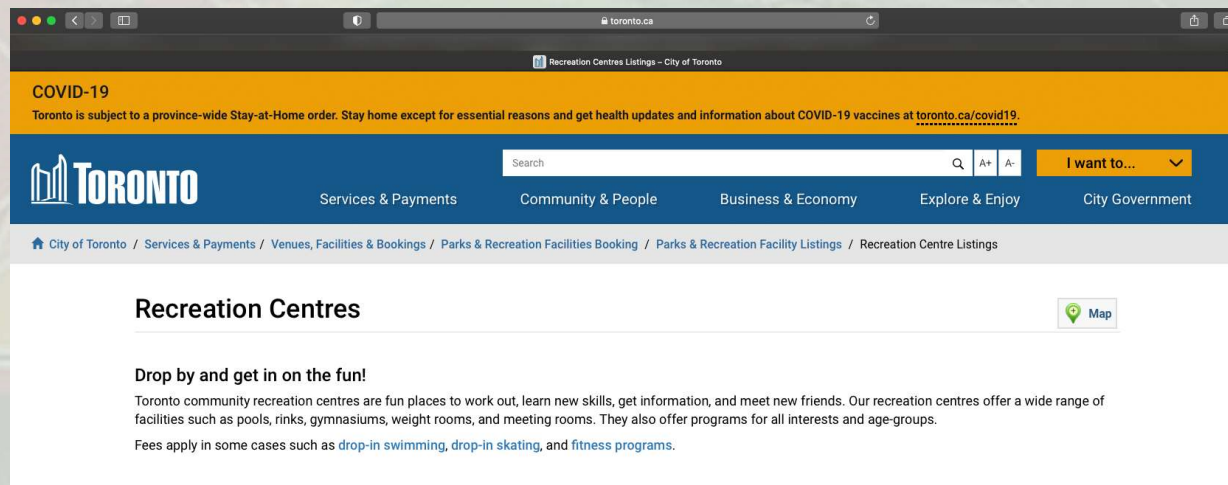


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Community Recreation Centres

- To find one near you visit:
- <https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/recreationcentres/index.html>

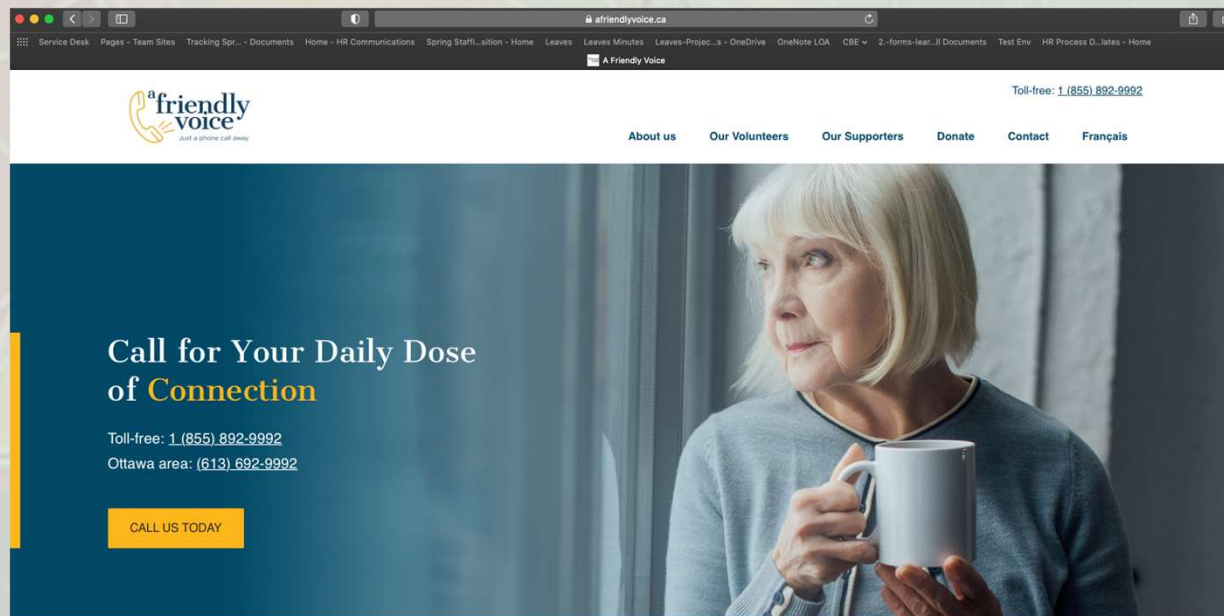


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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How Seniors Can Combat Isolation via A Friendly Voice

- <https://afriendlyvoice.ca>
- Call to make a connection, or to volunteer



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LEARNING RESOURCES

Toronto Public Library Card

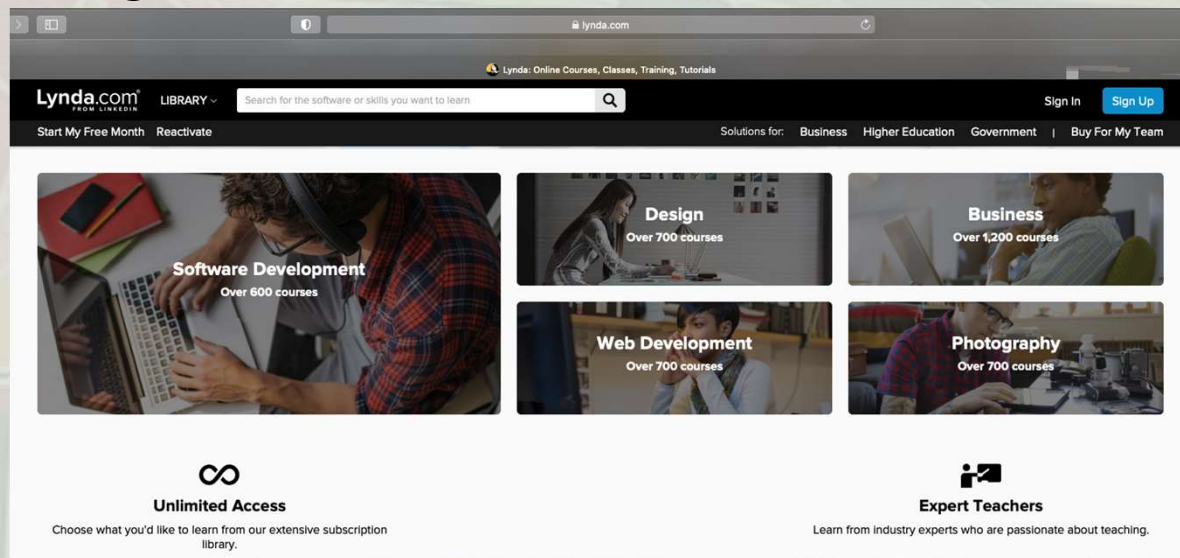
- <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/using-the-library/your-library-card/> ←
- <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/register/digital-access-card.jsp> ←
- eLearning and certificated courses via Lynda.com
- Computer and iPad Skills
- Job Seeker skills
- Technical skills for the workplace
- Soft skills for the workplace



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