

Covid Update
November 5, 2020

For LHSC RN Members

ONA has been informed by the hospital; they will **no longer be paying** for part time nurses to be off work if they **failed the COVID Screen**. Subsequently, LHSC is directing staff to **apply** for the **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)** through <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-sickness-benefit.html>. This benefit is for individuals who are unable to work because they are sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19

If you are **eligible** for the CRSB, you can receive **\$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) for a 1-week period**. If your situation continues past 1 week, you will need to apply again. You may apply up to a total of 2 weeks between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

ONA highly recommends you submitting for this benefit in efforts to reduce fiscal hardship.

If you are a Full-Time nurse, and fail the screen due to **having symptoms**, you can **use** your **current sick benefits**. If you are **not symptomatic**, you will need to **follow** the suggested steps listed **above**.

ONA is collecting information on the above situations. Please contact the ONA Local Office, 519-667-0937 if you have failed the Covid Screen or have to self-isolate.

