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COVID-19: Breaking developments and essential resources

Labour & Employment

- [Mandatory vaccination in businesses: developments in Ontario and Québec – and the road ahead](#) — March 8, 2022
- [New Critical Worker Exemption in Alberta allows workers with COVID-19 to attend work](#) — January 13, 2022
- [Ontario court rejects injunction request brought by employees against COVID-19 vaccine policy](#) — November 4, 2021
- [WorkSafeBC – COVID-19 safety plans to communicable disease prevention in the workplace](#) — July 5, 2021
- [Infectious disease emergency leave and common law constructive dismissal claims](#) — May 7, 2021
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- [The right to bare arms: Considerations for COVID-19 vaccines in the workplace](#) — February 17, 2021
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- [Canadian government updates COVID-19 travel restrictions](#) — February 5, 2021
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- [Virtual workplace investigations: The "next normal" - Postponing the investigation vs. proceeding by virtual means](#) — June 18, 2020
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- [COVID-19: Guidance for Canadian employers on reopening retail stores](#) — June 9, 2020
- [COVID-19 en milieu de travail : les conséquences pour l'employeur qui n'assure pas un environnement sécuritaire à ses travailleurs](#) — June 5, 2020 (In French)
- [Ontario government addresses temporary layoffs during the COVID-19 period](#) — June 2, 2020
- [Federal Government encouraging provinces to recognize 10-Day paid sick leave](#) — May 27, 2020
- [COVID-19: Key considerations for U.S. companies in Canada](#) — May 14, 2020
- [Coming out of the COVID-19 lockdown: issues and challenges facing Canadian employers](#) — April 29, 2020
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- [COVID-19: issues for the Canadian oil & gas industry](#) — March 30, 2020
- [Employers and the COVID-19 Federal Emergency Response Act](#) — March 26, 2020
- ["Priority commercial enterprises": What should you do if employees exercise their right of refusal on account of COVID-19?](#) — March 25, 2020
- [COVID-19: Ontario government passes new emergency leave legislation](#) — March 20, 2020
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- [Canada to restrict entry of most foreign travellers in response to COVID-19](#) — March 17, 2020
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- [Ontario court rejects injunction request brought by employees against COVID-19 vaccine policy](#) — November 4, 2021
- [Ontario's expanded COVID-19 enforcement order and random police stop powers](#) — April 22, 2021
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- [Investigation and enforcement powers under Ontario's new "stay-at-home" order](#) — January 15, 2021
- [Ontario passes Bill 218 to provide COVID-19 liability protection](#) — December 16, 2020
- [COVID-19 2020 year-end class actions update and forecast](#) — November 27, 2020
- [Decision to strike jury due to COVID-19 upheld by Court of Appeal](#) — October 29, 2020
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- [COVID-19, sports and waivers: How to limit the risk of legal liability in the "new normal"](#) — May 19, 2020
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- [Managing the privacy risks of virtual health care](#) — March 12, 2021
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- [Ontario declares second state of emergency, issues stay-at-home order](#) — January 13, 2021
- [COVID-19 and Ontario mortgage enforcement practices](#) — November 17, 2020
- [New Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy \(CERS\) Program](#) — November 4, 2020 (updated November 23, 2020)
- [Details announced on the Canada emergency rent subsidy](#) — October 9, 2020
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- [Department of Finance proposes relaxed flow-through share rules](#)— August 18, 2020
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- [Federal government introduces COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#) — March 19, 2020

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- [Charities Directorate response to COVID-19](#) — March 25, 2020

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- [Information privacy and security in a virtual learning world](#) — November 16, 2020
- ["Schrems II": Impacts on agreements involving processing personal data outside the EEA](#) — 30 juillet 2020 (en anglais)
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- [Customs planning during COVID-19: CBSA updates](#)— March 25, 2020

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- [Ontario educational institutions: COVID-19 and the close contact problem](#) — August 26, 2020
- [Canada-wide summary of COVID-19 education updates](#)— July 31, 2020 (latest update)

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