



## National Marine Manufacturers Association

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Dear Members,

As things are changing daily, rest assured that the team at NMMA Canada is monitoring government announcements as they become available to assess their relevance to our members and their businesses. In our continued proactive outreach, NMMA Canada and all of the marine trade associations across the country have sent a letter to Finance Minister Morneau to advocate for specific support to the boating industry in the coming weeks and months. You can view the letter [here](#). We are also communicating with the other associations that make up the Canadian Outdoor Recreation Roundtable to coordinate efforts to support the outdoor industry.

The federal government has also issued a 'Call to Action' for manufacturers that can help meet the growing need for medical supplies such as masks, surgical gowns, and ventilators. If you believe that your manufacturing operation can rapidly re-tool to produce these items, please visit this site to apply: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/maintaingrowimprovebusiness/manufacturers-needed.html>. The Ontario government has put out a similar appeal, which can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-your-organization-can-help-fight-coronavirus>. If you are considering applying for either of these initiatives, please let us know and we can help push it with government.

Yesterday, the Ontario government ordered the closure of non-essential workplaces to protect public health and safety during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The order comes into effect at 11:59pm tonight (Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>). Please follow this link to see the list of essential workplaces that can remain open: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

Here are the highlights pertaining to the recreational boating sector:

- Gas stations, diesel, propane and heating fuel providers including providers of motor vehicle, aircraft and water/marine craft fuels;
- Motor vehicle, auto-supply, auto and motor-vehicle-repair, including bicycle repair, aircraft repair, heavy equipment repair, watercraft/marine craft repairs, car and truck dealerships and related facilities;
- Businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials, including businesses that manufacture inputs to other manufacturers (e.g. primary metal/ steel, blow molding, component manufacturers, chemicals, etc. that feed the end-product manufacturer).

The Quebec government also recently issued a mandatory order to close all non-essential businesses – the list can be found here: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/essential-services-commercial-activities-covid19/>.

The Canadian Payroll Association has published a comprehensive Q&A document related to the impact of COVID-19 on payroll compliance – topics include completing the ROE, layoffs, and EI benefits. You can access the Q&A here: <https://payroll.ca/PDF/Resources/Payroll-and-Covid19-Infoline.aspx>.

Finally, we have learned today that Parks Canada will be suspending all motor vehicle access to national parks effective 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (see tweet with video message from Parks Canada here: <https://twitter.com/ParksCanada/status/1242485873305882625?s=20>).

I know that you are all busy with handling your daily business needs right now, but if there is anything you need, any question or issues you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or our director of federal and provincial government relations Jim Wielgosz ([jwielgosz@mma.org](mailto:jwielgosz@mma.org)), who is the newest member of our team (Jim has ten years combined experience as a senior political advisor to federal and provincial governments). We are here to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Anghel".

Sara Anghel, President  
NMMA Canada