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Service or Service Provider	Service or Benefit Description	Who is this for?	How to Apply or How to Access	Website, Phone or other Contact Options
Community Living BC (CLBC)	This provincial crown corporation provides supports and services to adults with developmental or other disabilities that cause significant difficulty doing things on their own	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job loss due to sickness/injury or shortage of work.• Worked 420-700 hours.• ROE Required		Info Available : https://www.communitylivingbc.ca/resources/information-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/

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Government of British Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income & Disability Assistance• Provides a \$300 supplement on your cheques issued in April, May, and June.	Those receiving <i>Income Assistance , Disability Assistance , Comforts Allowance , BC Senior's Supplement</i> *but not receiving* Employment Insurance (EI) or Canada Emergency Response (CERB) benefits	<i>Automatic - no action required</i>	Info Available : https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/on-assistance/covid

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Government of British Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)• Provides \$2000/month for a maximum of 4 months.	Sick or quarantined care for someone that is sick or care for children because of school/daycare closures, no paid leave or other income support, or not being paid by employed, self employed or contract workers who are not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI)	Applications to open on April 6 and will be published at website: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/apply-for-cerb-with-cra.html	Info available : https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/03/introduces-canada-emergency-response-benefit-to-help-workers-and-businesses.html

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Translink Transportation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BC Bus Pass Program• BC Transit and Translink bus fares are currently suspended for all passengers• Provides \$52 Transportation Supplement on your cheque starting in April and continuing until public bus fares resume	People on Disability Assistance receiving the BC Bus Pass	<i>Automatic - no action required</i>	Info Available : https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/on-assistance/covid
Autism Community Training (ACT)	Web page with a very comprehensive list of articles and links to resources to help persons with autism and their families and caregivers cope with COVID-19 mental health issues	Persons with autism and their caregivers, both children and adults	<i>[Internet access]</i>	https://www.actcommunity.ca/covid-19-resources

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<p>Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules (AFIRM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Toolkit • A set of 7 strategies to cope with COVID-19 stress called <i>Supporting Individuals with Autism through Uncertain Times</i> • Also available in Chinese, Polish and Swedish 	<p>Caregivers of young adults and children with autism</p>		<p>https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/supporting-individuals-autism-through-uncertain-times</p>
<p>Autism Speaks Canada</p>	<p>Their CONNECT site's COVID-19: Resources for children and caregivers site hosts resources, tips and information for children and caregivers that are relevant for the autism community</p>	<p>Any child or caregiver member of the autism community</p>	<p>Registration for free Community membership pops up when you click on the <i>COVID-19: Resources for children and caregivers</i> link</p>	<p>https://connect.autismspeaks.ca/communities/alldiscussions</p>

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ADDitude ADHD Expert Webinars	Webinars on ADHD and related conditions available for replay and download	Parents, adults and school and learning	<i>[Internet access]</i>	https://www.additudemag.com/tag/webinar/
UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute Autism Team	Article on supporting individuals with Autism through uncertain times	Open to all	<i>[Internet access]</i>	https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/supporting-individuals-autism-through-uncertain-times
Teaching Tolerance: A Trauma Informed Approach	National Child Traumatic Stress Network experts share their recommendations	For educators supporting students	<i>[Internet access]</i>	https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/a-trauma-informed-approach-to-teaching-through-coronavirus

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Shixin Gao, Family Support Worker Developmental Disabilities Association	Great contact for the families with children and youth with developmental disabilities	Families with children with disabilities	sgao@develop.bc.ca or tel: 604 301 2831 (usually mornings)	
PosAbilities	Wide range of resources and support for people with developmental disabilities and those supporting them	Open to all	<i>[Internet access]</i>	https://posabilities.ca/covid-19-resources/