

# COVID-19: Learn about the benefits available

## Support for individuals

### A family of 5 earning less than \$58,500 in 2018

**Paul and Katie** are a young Inuit couple living in Iqaluit with their three young children.

Katie was laid off from her job as a cook due to COVID-19.

Later on, Paul was laid off by his employer in the construction industry.

### Available benefits

- ✓ Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB): **\$2,000** each monthly for a period of up to 4 months
- ✓ GST/HST credit top-up payment: a one-time payment of **\$1,039** starting April 9
- ✓ Temporary boost in Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payments: **\$900** added to their May 20, 2020 payment

#### **This could mean \$18,000+ in total additional support.**

Paul and Katie didn't need to reapply for the GST/HST credit top-up payment or the CCB boost. These were automatically applied based on information from their 2018 tax return.

If they have questions about their benefits, or want to learn how to access them, they can visit [Canada.ca/economic-response-plan](https://Canada.ca/economic-response-plan).

If they would like information on CERB they can call 1-833-699-0299. If they have questions about their tax information they can call 1-800-959-8281.

### In practical terms...

Given that they each earned more than \$5,000 in the last year, Paul and Katie could both be eligible for the CERB. They could each receive \$2,000 monthly for up to 4 months while they are out of work. They will both need to confirm each time that they re-apply that they do not expect their situation to change during the 4-week period for which they apply and that they do not expect to receive more than \$1,000 from employment and self-employment.

The family received a GST/HST credit top-up payment of \$1,039 in April and their May 20, 2020 CCB payment was also boosted by \$900.

Paul and Katie may also receive additional support from the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, which leveraged funding from the new [Indigenous Community Support Fund](#) as well as the [Harvester's Support Grant](#) to fund harvesting activities and traditions and measures such as community food programs.

Indigenous Services Canada is also working with Inuit communities to provide needs-based support for Inuit health.

