

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Available to LIUNA Retirees in Western Canada

May 30, 2020



OLD AGE SECURITY PENSION & GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Washing your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds is the most effective way to sanitize your hands.

Any senior who is eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension will receive a \$300 payment, and an additional \$200 is being sent to seniors eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). No application is required to receive this one-time payment.

The one-time tax-free payments of \$300 and \$200 for those who qualify for OAS and GIS, respectively, will serve to support immediate needs around grocery delivery and additional prescription medication costs, but are not solutions for beyond the short term. *(A couple could receive up to \$1,000).*

The Federal Government has said the OAS increase would give Canadians aged 75 and older an extra \$729 each year while widows or widowers would receive up to \$2,080 in additional benefits every year with the increased survivor's benefit under the CPP. *(These changes are to take effect in July, 2020).*

Minimum RRIF Withdrawals

Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF)

Required minimum withdrawals from RRIFs have been reduced by 25% for 2020. Anyone with RRIFs can apply.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RETIREES

BC Office of the Seniors Advocate

Information & Referral analysts,
Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm
(except stat. holidays).

Toll-free: 1-877-952-3181

In Victoria: 250-952-3181

info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca

Caregivers and seniors can connect with additional help by: **calling 211** or call **1-877-520-3267**, or by visiting the Family Caregivers of British Columbia website: www.familycaregiversbc.ca

If you are on BC Senior's Supplement you will should have received a \$300 supplement on your cheques issued for April and May, as well as for June. No action is required on your part.

(Cannot be on Federal Employment Insurance (EI) or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB))



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