



LABOUR MARKET GROUP OF RENFREW & LANARK NEWSLETTER



Who are we? What do we do?

Vision: A skilled workforce contributing to a prosperous Ontario

Mission: To work collaboratively with community partners on the creation of innovative labour market solutions that meet local workforce development needs.

We are here to support Job Seekers, Employers and EO Service Providers through education, data analysis and research. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments that you would like us to know. We are here for you, Renfrew and Lanark Counties!

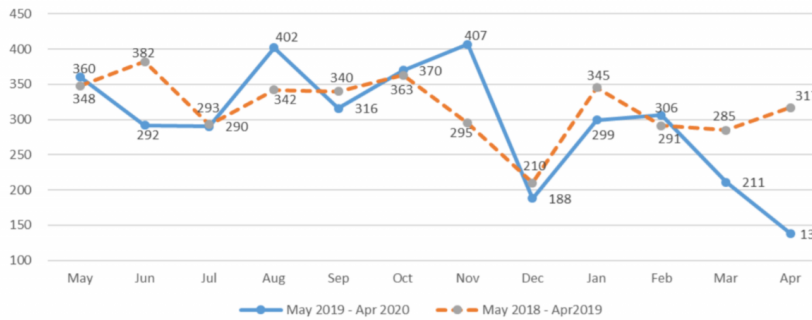
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RENFREW-LANARK JOB DEMAND 2020 Q1

816 Job Ads in 2020 Q1

Job ads were down 15.4% from 2019 Q4
Job ads were down 11.4% compared to
same quarter in 2019



Who's Posting Job Ads in (# of ads Top 10)

- Walmart
- Bayshore HealthCare
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- Home Depot
- Perth & Smiths Falls District
- Chartwell Retirement Residences
- Scotiabank
- BMO Financial Services
- ParaMed Home Health Care
- Subway

Top 10 Industry Groups (4 digit NAICS)

6216	Home Health Care Services	47
6221	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	39
4521	Department Stores	38
4441	Building Material and Supplies Dealers	24

Top 10 Occupations (4 digit NOC)

4412	Home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations	47
3012	Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	39
6322	Cooks	38
6421	Retail salespersons	24

TIMELINE OF COVID-19

March 11– World Health Organization declares a global pandemic.

March 12– All publicly funded schools (elementary and secondary) to close until April 5th.

March 15– Elective surgeries and non-emergent clinical activity to be cancelled.

March 16– Ontario courts, Superior Court of Justice and the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario shut down.

March 17 - Ontario declares a State of Emergency

March 18 – Provincial Parks close, essential visitors to retirement homes, student interest six month hold.

March 19 – Municipal Emergency Act passed, Employment Standards Amendment Act passed (worker protection), altered regulation to allow delivery of goods without restriction of by-laws.

March 20 – Independent learning, waiving of three months waiting period for OHIP coverage

March 21 – Collective agreement provisions overrode for hospital workers

March 22 – Plans for first responder free child care announced

March 23 – Announced \$148 million for social services funding for municipalities and organizations such as shelters, charities, emergency services and non-profits. \$52 million Emergency Assistance through Ontario Works for financial aid not covered by federal programs. Overrode provisions in collective agreement for long-term care workers. Announced the pending

mandatory closure of businesses. Announcement of mandatory business closures in Ontario for March 25.

March 24 – Announced reduction in hydro fee for at least 45 days. March 25 – Mandatory business closures including list of essential workplaces, release of fiscal and economic update and 10 billion in tax deferrals

March 26 – Allowed at-home delivery of alcohol through restaurants.

March 28 – Prohibited public events and social gatherings of more than five people, announced price gouging measures, Supply Chain Management Act to centrally manage public sector PPE and supply chain.

March 29 – Announced health and safety measures for construction sites

March 30 – Extended emergency declaration for two additional weeks. Recommended those over 70 and those with compromised systems self-isolate. Ordered the closure of all outdoor recreation amenities.

March 31 – Ontario schools and childcare to remain closed until at least May 4, 2020

April 3 – Revised the list of essential workplaces. Overrode provision in collective agreements for public health unit workers.

April 6 – Portal opened for one time parental education resource support for children under 12. (\$200)

April 7 – Launched an on-line portal to match skilled frontline health care workers with employees.

April 8 – Enhanced safety measures and workplace inspections for essential businesses. Suspension of environmental oversight rules, limiting consultation or public notification.

April 9 – March unemployment figures show 403,000 jobs lost changing unemployment rate from 5.5% to 7.6%. A new Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee was created to assess COVID-19 impacts on businesses and the Economy.

April 10 – No fees to be charged to parents to hold child care space during pandemic.

April 13 – Funding for mobility and medical devices non-essential.

April 14 – Ontario state of emergency extended by 28 days to May 12th. Restricting long-term care workers to on facility for two weeks.

April 15 – Action plan released for long term care homes, testing for all staff and patients.

April 16 – Auto insurance companies able to give temporary premium rebates to drivers

April 17 – Emergency order to hire college students in the ambulance and paramedic programs yet to graduate to provide aid. E-learning resources distributed to children in need. Expanded free child care to additional essential workers groups.

April 20 – Claw back of federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit for social assistance recipients.

April 23 – for unions’ legal recourse to demand long-term homes provide workers with PPE, Canadian military personnel deployed to five Ontario long-term care facilities. Extended emergency orders to May 6th.

April 24 – Ontario Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRAP) announced

April 25 - \$4 per hour “pandemic pay increase” for hourly frontline workers. Permitted health service providers to redeploy workers to support services in long-term care homes.

April 26 – Announced all publicly funded school will remain closed until at least May 31st. Limits on the dispensing of prescription medicines.

April 27 – Release of the Framework to re-open the economy

April 29 – Emergency child care for additional front line workers

April 30 – 65 new rules and regulations that Ontario businesses must follow.

May 1 – Certain businesses, workplaces and essential construction projects can reopen May 4th.

May 6 – Extension of Mandatory closures to May 19th, continuation of electricity rate relief.

May 8 – Professional sport training facilities will be permitted to reopen with established safety protocols

May 9 – Limited recreational trail day use permitted in Ontario parks.

May 10: Ontario reports 294 new cases of the novel coronavirus, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 20,238. The 294 cases are the lowest increase daily increase announced since March 31.

May 14: Doug Ford provides details on the province’s first stage of its “Phase 2: Restart.” Some businesses are allowed to open on May 16 including campgrounds, marinas and golf courses. A lengthy list of other businesses will be allowed to get underway the following Tuesday.

May 19: The Ontario government says an in-class school year will not be able to recommence during the coronavirus pandemic, however, online learning will continue.

May 23: Ontario reports 412 new cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 25,040.

May 23: Thousands of people gather in Trinity Bellwoods Park in Toronto drawing condemnation and scorn from elected officials and city staff.

May 26: Canadian Armed Forces teams deployed to five of the province’s worst-hit long-term care homes to help control COVID-19 raise concerns about each facility, describing the care as ranging from below best practices to “borderline abusive, if not abusive” and worse, documents obtained by Global News show.

May 27: Ontario government says it is extending all current emergency orders until June 9.

May 27: Province announces that chiropractors, dentists, massage therapists, optometrists, homeopaths and psychologists can see patients once each profession gets the go-ahead and receives guidelines from each respective governing authority.

June 1: New rules come into effect at **Pearson Airport in Mississauga** which include mandatory face masks and the barring of “meeters and greeters” from inside its terminals.

June 2: Ontario’s state of emergency extended by 28 days but Premier Doug Ford insists that does not mean the province’s reopening will necessarily be put “on hold” during that time.

June 4: Ontario allows short-term rentals to operate including lodges, cabins, cottages, homes and condominiums.

June 6: The total number of cases in Ontario passes **30,000** as the province announces 455 new cases including 68 from a reporting delay. A total of 2,407 Ontarians have now suffered COVID-19-related deaths.

June 6: Ontario extends emergency orders by another 10 days.

June 8: Ontario announces that some regions of the province will enter **Stage 2 of its COVID-19 recovery plan**. Toronto, Mississauga and Hamilton are among the areas which are excluded.

June 9: Province announces daycares can open the following Friday although few, if any, are able to given the short notice and lengthy set of adjustments needed.

June 11: Province announces “cautious” restart plan to allow visitors back into the province’s long-term care homes beginning June 18.

June 14: Ontario announces it has conducted more than a million tests for the novel coronavirus.

June 15: Province announces that several regions including Durham, York, Hamilton, Sarnia-Lambton and Niagara are allowed to enter into **Stage 2 of its recovery plan**. Toronto, Peel and Windsor remain in Phase 1 however.

June 17: The Ontario government extends all current emergency orders until June 30 while stating it will review each order on a case-by-case basis to determine if it can be adjusted or lifted.

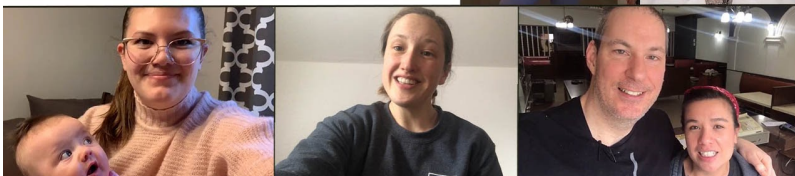
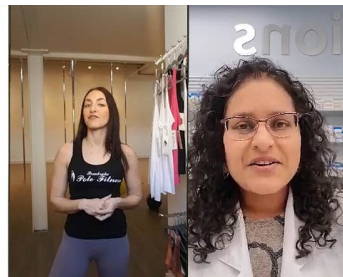
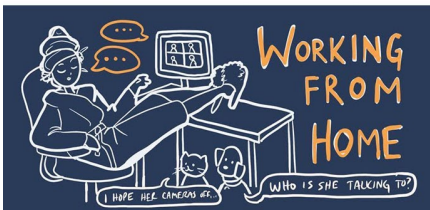
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