

Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health & Safety

Jan 27: Health PEI is now requiring all staff, patients, visitors and members of the public to wear face masks at its facilities. PEI's healthcare system is experiencing significant overcapacity with limited availability of hospital beds and cold and flu season kicking into high gear increasing patient volumes.

Action Point: Find out when you're legally required to make reasonable accommodations to face mask rules for persons with disabilities.

New Laws

Jan 25: Changes to PEI Payday Loans Act Regulations took effect reducing the amount that must be displayed on the required poster and in payday loan agreements from \$15 per \$100 borrowed to \$14 per \$100 borrowed. The same reduction from \$15 to \$14 per \$100 borrowed also applies to the cost of borrowing.

New Laws

Dec 12: PEI announced that it's providing \$2.4 million to the Codes Acceleration Fund to accelerate the development of higher performance tiers of the 2020 national model energy codes of Canada. The money will give building officials and industry professionals the tools and training they need to comply with provincial building codes as the province adopts increasingly energy-efficient performance tiers in pursuit of its long-term net-zero emissions and climate-resilient buildings sector by 2050 objectives.

Workers' Comp

Feb 28: That's the final day for PEI employers to submit their workers' comp payroll data reports listing their actual 2024 payroll cost figures and projected expenses in 2025 to the WCB to avoid the risk of late fees, interest and penalties.