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Now Open! WSIB Portal for Reimbursement of Paid Infectious Disease Emergency Leave

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Our April 30, 2021 <u>briefing note</u> addressed key components of Ontario's paid Infectious Disease Emergency Leave (IDEL). A follow-up <u>briefing note</u> on May 10, 2021 answered FAQ from clients.

As we indicated in these notes, employer reimbursement of paid IDEL will be facilitated by Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board through the **COVID -19 Worker Income Protection Benefit Program**. The portal through which an employer may apply for reimbursement is now **open** and can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Prior to applying, an employer should ensure it has available:

- Its business registration details such as legal name, trade name, CRA number and bank account details.
- If a WSIB registered employer, its Premium Remittance Statement (Schedule 1 employer) or Monthly Statement (Schedule 2 employer) for details such as the WSIB account number/firm number and last payment details.
- Its 6-digit NAICS industry classification code (found here).
- The work site address details (one application per work site address).
- Details of any current paid sick leave coverage already available to employees including number of days of coverage, daily dollar amounts and policy documents.
- Applicable employee details (contact information, address, SIN, date of birth, proof of wage payment via a paystub).

Payments are expected to take two weeks to process, with initial payments being made by the end of June and bi-weekly thereafter. An organization can check the status of a claim here.

For more information on the COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit Program, visit the Ontario Government's <u>information page</u> or contact Sherrard Kuzz lawyer at <u>info@sherrardkuzz.com</u>. We'll respond promptly.

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