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## COVID-19 Update – May 25, 2020

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### Indigenous

- Anishinabek News Articles
  - [Headrick joins New Brunswick squad for final season of university eligibility](#)
  - [Carleton University undertakes learning difficult truths about shared past by learning together](#)
- Nearly 500 people are currently on a waiting list for housing help from Ottawa's Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health. Wabano's housing director said with a lack of affordable housing options, many within Ottawa's Indigenous community find themselves "couch surfing" with friends — not homeless as far as funding agencies are concerned, but on the verge.

### Provincial

- Officials in Toronto say a popular city park is much less crowded and under control after thousands of people gathered and broke COVID-19 physical distancing rules on Saturday.
- Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced Sunday that anyone in the province can get tested for COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms. The premier said mass testing is the province's best defence against the virus, adding that the only way for the province to reach its testing capacity of nearly 25 000 is for people to show up to provincial assessment centres.

### Federal

- The Liberal government has tabled a motion that would see Parliament's special committee on COVID-19 meet for an additional day each week — a proposal that would involve a limited number of MPs convening in the House of Commons alongside members outside Ottawa, who would join the proceedings via videoconference streamed into the chamber itself.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has reached out to the heads of Canada's six big banks to get their reading on the state of the economy and how COVID-19 relief efforts are faring.
- Opposition Leader Andrew Scheer called Friday for Parliament to be declared an essential service so a reduced number of MPs can resume their House of Commons duties amid the COVID-19 crisis.
- Staff for the federal Liberals, Conservatives, NDP and Greens have all applied for a taxpayer-funded wage subsidy while citing financial challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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- Applications are now being accepted for Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says the federal government is talking to the provinces about bringing in 10 days of paid sick leave for workers — something the NDP demanded in exchange for supporting the Liberals' plan to extend the suspension of the House of Commons during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

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