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Good morning,

This update is further to our April 30, 2021 email which outlined the details of [Bill 284, Putting Ontario Workers First](#) which amended the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* (ESA) to require employers to provide employees with up to three paid days of leave related to COVID-19 and entitled employers to apply for reimbursement. Please see our original April 30, 2021 email [here](#).

While the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board is administering this **Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit** program and reimbursement, all the information and processes to apply are under the parameters set out by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development [“MLTSD”].

The link to all the information and the application process can be found [here](#) . From this website **employers can file an application for reimbursement** and check the status of a claim (under the heading “**Apply for reimbursement**”).

The Board has confirmed that the WSIB’s role is limited to the administration of the application process and the reimbursement to employers based on parameters set by the Government of Ontario. As this program is not a WSIB program it is not funded by the WSIB’s insurance fund. All the funding for administering and reimbursements made to employers is provided by the MLTSD.

The Ministry’s contact centre to support employers looking for more information on the Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit can be reached at 1-888-999-2248 (TTY: 1-866-567-8893).

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