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Read more on government programs, tools, calculators and advice on how to navigate your business through COVID-19 on FBC's resource centre www.fbc.ca/covid19-updates

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BUSINESS Restart MB Pandemic Response System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Government of Manitoba has issued and updated Public Health Acts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Please refer to the Government's website for the most up-to-date information on "restart" stages for your business type.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Current list of business permitted to open or operate with restrictions in place

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Tax Relief to Protect
Manitobans

- The Manitoba government is moving forward with commitments to reduce taxes and make life more affordable for Manitobans as part of Budget 2021.

- Budget 2021 will continue to implement the \$2,020 Tax Rollback Guarantee, introduced in 2019 to save the average Manitoba taxpayer \$2,020 over four years through several measures:
 - reducing the provincial sales tax (PST) to seven per cent from eight;
 - indexing the Basic Personal Amount and Personal Income Tax brackets;
 - removing the PST on property insurance;
 - removing the PST on personal income tax preparation;
 - eliminating probate fees;
 - removing the PST on the preparation of wills;
 - reducing vehicle registration fees by 30 per cent;
 - removing the PST on personal care services, such as haircuts and salon services; and
 - reducing education property taxes.
- The province has previously implemented most of these commitments and will introduce the final two measures as part of Budget 2021 to remove the PST on personal services later this year and begin to phase out the education property tax.
- The October 2020 speech from the throne renewed the promise to eliminate the education property tax over several years, beginning in 2021, which will eventually remove both the Provincial Education Support Levy and the School Division Special Levy from annual property tax bills.
- In early April, 2021 the Premier confirmed Manitoba ratepayers will begin to receive rebate cheques this year.
- As previously announced, school divisions will freeze their education property taxes this year and the province will provide a Property Tax Offset Grant equivalent to a two per cent property tax increase or \$22.8 million in 2021 to maintain education funding levels. In addition, Budget 2021 will support the Better Education Starts Today strategy with an Education Funding Guarantee of no less than \$1.6 billion of additional investment in education over four years.

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- The education property tax reduction will benefit approximately 658,000 residential, farm, commercial and other properties in Manitoba. The province will provide more information on the education property tax rebate as part of Budget 2021 and with municipal property tax bills.
- Premier Pallister indicates that the province will continue to review provincial taxation measures to ensure individual Manitobans and businesses can keep more of their hard-earned dollars, and noted the government has already returned more than \$700 million in tax and COVID-19 relief to Manitobans since 2016.

INDIVIDUAL
Manitoba Hydro and
Central Gas

- Manitoba Hydro will make payment arrangements for commercial and residential customers experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19

- Manitoba Hydro can arrange a flexible payment plan and will suspend late-payment charges for up to six months.
- If you are unable to pay your bill by your due date, contact Manitoba Hydro to make payment arrangements:
 - [Online through MyBill](#)
 - Send a request via email: credit@hydro.mb.ca
 - Phone 204-480-5900 or toll-free at 1-888-624-9376
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