

News briefing for MAP agencies

April 14 2020

Extend Government Benefits to All Residents

OCASI (Ontario NGOs) media release March 18, 2020

<https://ocasi.org/media-release-extend-government-benefits-all-residents>

Denying refugees entry to Canada during COVID-19 outbreak is illegal and inhuman: advocates

Halifax Chronicle-Herald April 1/2, 2020

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/denying-refugees-entry-to-canada-during-covid-19-outbreak-is-illegal-and-inhuman-advocates-432299/>

Calgary organizations support recent immigrants through coronavirus troubles

Calgary Herald April 3, 2020

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/covid-19-calgary-organizations-supporting-recent-immigrants-through-access-to-culturally-appropriate-resources/>

Covid-19: Qs and As for Service Provider Organizations

IRC via Settlement at Work Undated

<https://settlementatwork.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-qs-and-service-provider-organizations>

Covid-19 challenges refugees and those helping them to settle

Vancouver Sun April 10, 2020

<https://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/daphne-bramham-covid-19-challenges-refugees-and-those-helping-them-to-settle/>

IKEA Canada commits over \$2M to support local communities impacted by COVID-19

Canada News Wire April 8, 2020

<https://www.ikea.com/ca/en/this-is-ikea/newsroom/ikea-canada-covid-19-donation-pub08e0c610>

Ontario's sees 32 more COVID-19 deaths in Star tally; Refugee centre in Toronto reports 4 cases; U.S. might relax some measures next month

Toronto Star April 12, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/covid-ont-1.5530424>

Six seeking asylum turned back at border; COVID-19 restrictions enforced

Vancouver Province April 7, 2020

<https://theprovince.com/news/with-covid-19-clampdown-number-of-asylum-seekers-at-canada-u-s-border-slows-to-a-trickle/wcm/4175e591-5105-48b3-82f1-6629e623c43c>

COVID-19: Immigrants face language, financial barriers during crisis

The News, Abbotsford April 10, 2020

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/covid-19-immigrants-face-language-financial-barriers-during-crisis/>

Mosques closed during Ramadan

Islamic Society of British Columbia Undated

<https://www.islam-canada.com/>

Note: It is not clear on the above website whether all B.C. mosques are closed during Ramadan