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**Announcement by Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction – 4-2-2020 @ 10 am**  
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- ☐ For people currently receiving income assistance or disability assistance, the Province will temporarily exempt federal employment insurance benefits for the next three months, including the new \$2,000 Canada Emergency Response Benefit
- ☐ For people on income assistance or disability assistance who are not eligible for the emergency federal support programs, the Province will provide an automatic \$300-monthly COVID-19 crisis supplement for the next three months (also includes low-income seniors who receive the B.C. Senior's Supplement and recipients of income assistance or disability assistance who reside in special care facilities)
- ☐ Province will provide all BC Bus Pass Program users receiving income assistance and disability assistance with the \$52 Transportation Supplement for the duration of the current fare suspension
- ☐ \$15,000 earning exemption for people on income assistance and disability
- ☐ People on income assistance and disability programs will receive the funds automatically starting with cheques distributed on April 22

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