



Improving the health and well-being of Islanders

As Islanders adjust to life with COVID-19, our health care system will be prepared, and we will take the necessary steps needed, that will ensure the continued health and safety of our population.

Addressing mental health



We are investing \$1.23 million in new psychiatry positions to support acute adult in-patient care and community-based mental health services. There will be an additional \$340,000 in funding that will support the establishment of a mental health and addictions mobile crisis program with in-person response teams and a telephone support line.

\$416,000 to increase home care supports during the evening hours



There will be an increase in registered nursing to support home care programs in the eastern and western parts of the province that will provide quality care to our rural areas equitable to services provided in Charlottetown and Summerside.

Retaining and recruiting more health care professionals



There is \$315,000 allocated to increase incentives for graduate registered nurses, and graduate nurse practitioners. There is an additional \$250,000 to advance our partnership with the Medical Society of PEI for the Doctors Recruiting Doctors initiative. Over \$3.8 million for new specialists, nurse practitioners, nursing and allied health professionals.

To view the full Budget Address, Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures, and supporting schedules of the 2020-21 Operating Budget, please visit: www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/Budget

Virtual health care

In partnership with the federal government, we are investing \$813,000 to support the development, expansion, and implementation of virtual care tools to support caring for Islanders with video-conferencing technology and remote patient monitoring.

\$500 wellness tax credit

A new tax credit for all families with children under the age of 18 to receive a \$500 wellness tax credit for activities related to their children's well-being.

Improving care for those in Long Term and Community Care Homes

There will be a total of \$6.6 million to support private long term care and community facilities to assist them as they operate under the new guidelines brought on by COVID-19, to ensure the continued safety of patients and residents.

\$167,000 to improve access to Long Term Care spaces

Working with the private sector, Health PEI will establish 12 new long term care beds in West Prince by January 1, 2021, to improve access to long term care for Islanders.