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*The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians'*

## **June 2021 Newsletter**

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# Project Updates

## COVID-19 Helpline for South Asians

This COVID-19 Helpline is funded by the Government of Canada, United Way and Indus Community Services and managed by the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) in partnership with the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario, Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action, Bangladeshi Canadian Community Services, South Asian Women's Rights Organization, and Punjabi Community Health Services.

The COVID-19 Helpline provides information about health & safety during COVID-19, details on the reopening process, government benefits, and support services available to communities in **English, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Bengali and Punjabi**. Recorded information is available on the Helpline 24/7 and live Intake Specialists are available 7 days a week. Call **647-846-2233** or **1-866-300-3454** (For Out of GTA callers) to access the Helpline.

*The Helpline went **LIVE** in early September and is accessible at: [647-846-2233](tel:647-846-2233).*

**We highly encourage and appreciate if members could share the helpline with their networks and on their social media.**

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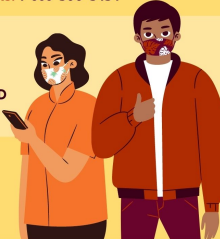
# COVID-19 HELPLINE FOR SOUTH ASIANS IN THE GTA

**647-846-2233**

TOLL FREE # FOR OUT OF GTA CALLERS: 1-866-300-3454

INFORMATION ON COVID-19:  
HEALTH & SAFETY, GOVERNMENT  
BENEFITS, SUPPORT SERVICES,  
RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS, AND FOOD  
SECURITY

RECORDED INFORMATION & LIVE  
INTAKE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE IN:  
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PUNJABI, AND BANGLA




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کھانے کی حفاظت

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**647-846-2233**

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ਕੋਵਿਡ - 19 ਪਰੁਤਿਯ ਤਕੁਵਲੁਕੁਨੁ: ਸੁਕਾਤਾਰੁਮੁ ਪਾਤੁਕਾਪੁਪੁ, ਅਰੁਸਾਨੁਕੁਤੁਤਿਨਾਨੁਲੁ ਵਲੁਕੁਪੁਪੁਮੁ ਊਤਵਿਕੁਨੁ, ਊਤਰੁਵੁਸ਼ ਸੇਵੇਕੁਨੁ, ਮਿਨੁਤੁ ਤਿਰੁਪੁਕੁਕਾਨ ਨੁਨੁਮੁਨੁਕੁਨੁ, ਊਨੁਨੁਵੁਪੁ ਪਾਤੁਕਾਪੁਪੁ

ਪਤਿਵੁ ਸੇਯੁਪੁਪੁਤੁ ਤਕੁਵਲੁਕੁਨੁਕੁ ਮਰੁਨੁਮੁ ਨਿਪੁਨੁਨੁਕੁਨੁਤੁ ਤਕੁਵਲੁਕੁਨੁ ਨੇਰੁਯੁਕੁਕੁਵੁਮੁ ਊਨੁਕੁਲਿਲੁ, ਊਨੁਤੁ, ਇਨੁਤੁ, ਤਮਿਲੁ, ਪਰੁਸਾਪਿ, ਵਲੁਕਾਨੁਮੁ ਊਕੁਯ ਮੋਮੁਤੁਕੁਨੁਲਿਲੁ ਪੇਰੁਨੁਕੁਕੋਨੁਨੁਲਾਮੁ.



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## Employment Equity for South Asians -

Cynthia Saxena, Employment Equity Coordinator

CASSA is continuing to advocate the policy recommendations created in the [Moving Towards Decent Employment](#) reports. CASSA has launched a [Business Charter](#) for both small and large businesses where they can pledge their commitment to anti-racism practices and supporting racialized communities to gain equitable outcomes in employment.

If you would like to support, collaborate or know more about this advocacy campaign, please reach out to Cynthia: [cynthia@cassa.on.ca](mailto:cynthia@cassa.on.ca)

## Racial Equity in Education -

Eman Zahid, Muslim Community Outreach Coordinator

The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education is working on passing motions regarding racial equity issues at Ontario school boards.

Our next training weekend for volunteers is **July 10 & 11**.

The next CASSA Community meeting will be held in the first two weeks of June, and volunteers will receive emails regarding specific details.

Volunteers and community members interested in the project can access the training materials from our last training weekend using these links:

**Parent Meeting Folder, click [here](#).**

**Students Meeting Folder, click [here](#).**

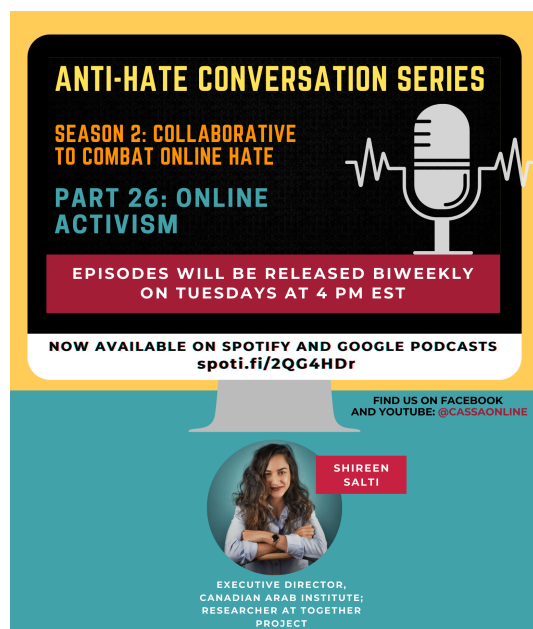
We will begin recruiting the 2nd volunteer cohort in July, so if you are interested in participating in the project, please fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/210544427161246>



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CASSA's Vaccine Engagement Team, as part of the South Asian Vaccine Engagement Collaborative, is starting work on a new information hub that will streamline the information sharing process and alert community members to available vaccines. The hub will also focus on displaying new educational content relevant to all of Toronto, including videos on vaccine myth-busting, youth outreach, and overcoming second dose hesitancy.

As vaccine roll-out expands, SAVEC will keep track of all changes and encourage South Asians to get vaccinated so make sure to watch the CASSA website and reach out with relevant notices by contacting [wardah@cassa.on.ca](mailto:wardah@cassa.on.ca).



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## Collaborative to Combat Online Hate - Maryam Faisal, Anti-Hate Project Coordinator

New podcast episode is now live!

Check out CASSA's Podcast channel here:

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/2QG4HDr>

Call for Submissions: Put A Name to the Statistic: Call for Stories.

While statistics on racism provide vital information, it is personal stories and experiences that drive the message home. If you're a visible minority who has experienced online hate in a way that has impacted you, we want to hear your story. Shared experiences might be used as part of our project and social media campaign on combatting online hate. Please submit your story through this google form: <https://bit.ly/3eNcyaB> We thank you for

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**Note:** You will be contacted beforehand if we decide to use your experience as part of our campaign! Please email [maryam@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maryam@cassa.on.ca) if you have any other questions or concerns.

We also want to hear from you! **Are there topics you would like to see covered? Or speakers you would want to see featured?** Email [maryam@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maryam@cassa.on.ca) with your suggestions!

### **Hate Crime Reporting -**

[Lakhdeep Dhaliwal, Hate Crime Reporting Project Coordinator](#)

Hate crimes are crimes in which the offender is motivated by a characteristic of the victim that identifies the victim as a member of a group towards which the offender feels some animosity. The problem of hate crime is a truly global phenomenon and Canada is no exception. Because they are directed both at a group and an individual victim, hate crimes carry an element of harm that is not present in other kinds of offending. For this reason, many jurisdictions have passed legislation increasing the penalties for crimes motivated by hate. The Sentencing Reform Bill (C-41) in Canada is an example of this kind of statute. ([EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Disproportionate Harm: Hate Crime in Canada \(justice.gc.ca\)](#))

The Community Leaders Group (CLG) network is being utilized to form an Advisory committee, a group of 8 - 10 cross sectoral members will help to shape this project. Police service information gathering meetings are underway with specific hate crime units and personnel. We look forward to action herein! [lakhdeep@cassa.on.ca](mailto:lakhdeep@cassa.on.ca)

### **Racial Equity in Education -**

[Khalood Kibria, Social and Racial Equity Planning Coordinator](#)

On May 25th, 2021, CASSA held a community consultation to gather feedback on the City of Toronto's proposal to create **a new city-wide framework for the licensing and regulation of multi-tenant houses** (commonly known as rooming houses).

The session provided community organizations and members with the opportunity to discuss current regulations for multi-tenant housing in Toronto, share personal experiences living in multi-tenant housing, and provide feedback on the proposed creation of a new city-wide regulatory framework for multi-tenant housing. The feedback and recommendations gathered from the session were compiled into a report that was shared back with the City of Toronto.

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Meet Naima Raza, Anti-Hate & Equity in Education  
Project Associate.

Naima Raza is currently entering her second year of the Masters of Teaching program at the University of Toronto. She has experience working with South Asian communities as the former Civic Engagement Coordinator for CASSA.

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Meet Wardah Malik, Vaccine Engagement Project  
Coordinator.

Wardah holds a Master's from University of Cambridge where she completed a thesis on citizenship & ethnic minority rights in Pakistan. She believes in working locally towards ensure sustainable social change.

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Meet Mahdiba Chowdhury, Health Equity  
Coordinator

Mahdiba Chowdhury is a graduate student specialized in Mental Health Studies from the University of Toronto. She worked closely with community partners in the development of ethnocultural education and promotional materials.

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Meet Khalood Kibria, Social and Racial Equity  
Planning Coordinator

Khalood is a graduate student at the University of Toronto, pursuing her Master's of Arts. She has experience conducting community-based research and dialogues on social justice and equity issues.

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Abiagom Dibia is the Administrative Assistant and Membership Coordinator for CASSA. He has rich experience in Data Analysis and providing executive-level administrative & operational support. He has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics, Certificate in Business Analysis from Sheridan College, Certificate in Customer Service Excellence and a Qualified Arbitrator of Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society.

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Meet Shreya Shourie, Student Intern - Collaborative to Combat Online Hate

Shreya studies at the University of Toronto and am working toward a Honours Bachelor of Arts degree with a focus on Political Sciences and City Studies. She is passionate about the advocating for individuals in marginalized communities.

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Meet Milisha Nicholas, Student Intern

Milisha Nicholas is the Hate Crime Reporting Project Associate at CASSA. She is entering her third year as a student of the University of Toronto where she is double majoring in Public Policy and Political Science and minoring in Public Law.

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## South Asian Heritage Month

The month of May was **South Asian Heritage Month**, a commemoration and celebration of South Asian Canadians. CASSA held a **South Asian Heritage Month 2021 panel event** on **May 12th** that celebrated six South Asian heroes who have been actively making a difference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

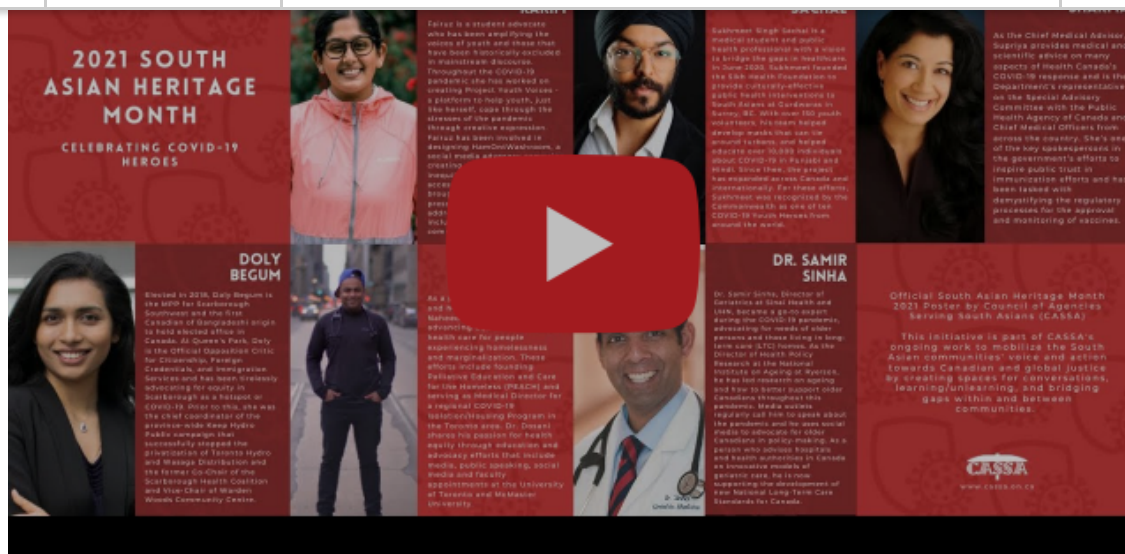
**Watch the panel discussion below:**



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## South Asian Heritage Month Panel Discussion

### [CASSA's Hate Interruption during SAHM 2021 Statement](#)

CASSA strongly condemns any form of racism, discrimination or hate. We were disturbed by recent incidents of hate speech through Zoom bombings that took place on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021, at CASSA's South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM) Panel Discussion. During the SAHM 2021 virtual event while panelists were engaged in meaningful discussion, one or two attendees interrupted the meeting to advance racial slurs and display inappropriate and unacceptable acts of hate. This happened in two separate instances. **Any form of hate is unacceptable, intrusive, and unwelcome.** This serves as a reminder to CASSA, the authorities and our communities that the work towards equitable and safe spaces, acceptance and in dismantling systemic racism is ongoing. Read CASSA's full statement [here](#).

## Hate Interruption Statement

## Statement of Solidarity with Indigenous Communities

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June 3, 2021

The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) would like to offer its deepest condolences to the families, relatives, and communities of the 215 children whose bodies were found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

We are deeply grieved by this news, but we are not shocked. The Canadian Residential School System was an instrument of genocide, with the last residential school closing as recently as 1996. These schools were sites of emotional, physical, intellectual, and sexual abuse that were used by the Canadian state to advance the project of settler colonialism by uprooting Indigenous children from their communities, permanently separating them from their families, and stripping them of their culture and language. Indigenous people around the country continue to remind us that this is not an isolated incident. Over the course of the residential school system, over 150,000 Indigenous children were taken away from their families, and at least 6000 were killed, and not returned to their families - Indigenous communities have always known that such mass graves existed all around the country.

The lowering of flags is not enough. The stories that continue to come out of residential schools are not simply a "dark chapter" in Canadian history, but an ongoing reality reflecting the violence that settler colonialism inflicts on Indigenous people. In so many ways, settler colonial violence continues to be part of the modern Canadian landscape - a lack of access to clean water, ongoing violence against Indigenous women, land theft, disproportionate spread of disease, coercion of Indigenous children into the Child Welfare system - the Canadian government, and all settler Canadians have a responsibility to address these inequalities.

Although we may not have been among the initial colonizers of this land, the South Asian immigrant community must not forget that we live, work, and play on Indigenous lands. It is our responsibility to stand with Indigenous nations as they demand accountability and justice for the violence done to them and their children. We must recognize our responsibility to educate ourselves, listen to the initial caretakers of this land, and take action to show solidarity with Indigenous people.

For those needing support, please call: National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, 1-866-925-4419

As we mark National Indigenous History Month this June, let us commit to greater education and calls to action. Some resources to begin your learning and unlearning:

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: [http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)
- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: <https://www.mniwg.ca/final-report/>
- Native Women's Association of Canada's Action Plan to End the Attack Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse People: <https://www.nwac.ca>

Contact:  
Samya Hasan  
Executive Director  
[samya@cassa.on.ca](mailto:samya@cassa.on.ca)

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Read CASSA's full statement [here](#).

## Messages from Members

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## JUNE 2021 ONLINE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

### Intro to Word

Monday, June 7 from 10am-11:30am

### Intro to Word 2

Thursday, June 10 from 10am-11:30am

### Intro to Excel 1

Monday, June 14 from 10am-11:30am

### Intro to Excel 2

Thursday, June 17 from 10am-11:30am

### Using Zoom for Virtual Interviews

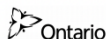
Monday, June 21 from 10am-11:30am

### Navigating Linked In Basics

Friday, June 25 from 10am-11:30am

**Sage 50 Training/Certification:**  
Do you have a background in accounting or bookkeeping?  
Complete online training and earn your certificate in Sage 50.

To register for any of these computer services,  
email [booking.timeschange@gmail.com](mailto:booking.timeschange@gmail.com) and type computer  
workshops in the subject line.



## Employment Service

*Times Change Women's Employment Service* is hosting current software workshops through sessions led by their computer expert. This includes workshops for **MS Word, Excel, Virtual Interviews, LinkedIn and even Sage 50 Training.**

To register for any of these computer services, email [booking.timeschange@gmail.com](mailto:booking.timeschange@gmail.com) and type 'computer workshops' in the subject line.

## Want to help improve mental health services for South Asian Canadians?

### What is this study about?

The goal of this study is to develop a manual for culturally adapting Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for Canadians of South Asian origin experiencing depression and/or anxiety.

### What's involved?

The study involves attending therapy sessions and completing questionnaires at different stages of therapy.

### Who can participate?

You can participate if you:

- Identify as South Asian or of South Asian origin
- Are between 18 and 64 years of age
- Live in British Columbia or Ontario
- Are experiencing symptoms of anxiety and/or depression
- Have not received CBT treatment in the past 12 months

### ❖ For more information and to sign-up

Email: [cbl-sa@camh.ca](mailto:cbl-sa@camh.ca)  
Call: 416-535-8501 ext. 33760

### What are the benefits of participating?

Participation in the study will help to improve access to mental health care services that are culturally appropriate for Canadians of South Asian origin, particularly those affected with depression and/or anxiety.



## South Asian Mental Health Study - CAMH, PCHS

Are you:

- South Asian and between 18-64 years
- Live in Ontario or BC
- Experiencing symptoms of depression/anxiety and haven't received Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in the last 12 months

Participate in a study aiming to improve mental health services for South Asians!

Email [cbl-sa@camh.ca](mailto:cbl-sa@camh.ca) to sign up.



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## Daughters of the Pandemic

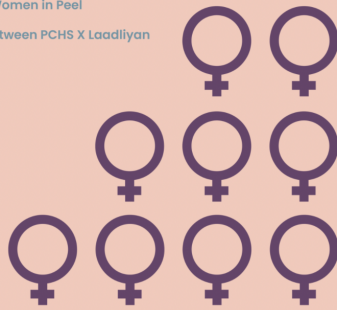
Assessing the Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19 on South Asian Girls & Women in Peel

A Partnership Project Between PCHS X Laadliyan

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Arashdeep Chahal



Laadliyah conducted community based research to learn more about the challenges South Asian daughters within the Peel Region have been facing as a result of COVID-19. Through candid community conversations with daughters of all ages living and/or working in Peel Region, they collected community narratives to inform their research. Read the full report [here](#).

# Opportunities



### [Job Posting: Election Clerk - Elections Ontario](#)

**Position:** Temporary assignment from August 9, 2021 to June 30, 2022

**Starting Salary:** \$37 per hour

**Hours of Work:** Variable hours with full time hours during the event

**Application Deadline:** June 13, 2021

Apply [here](#).

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### Would you like to:

- Help the well-being of people in the community?
- Make a difference for people living with mental illness?
- Promote optimism, equality and inclusiveness?

### Join CMHA Peel Dufferin Board of Directors!

We are currently recruiting directors committed to mental health as part of the broader healthcare system.


For more information or to submit your résumé, please visit:  
[cmhapeeldufferin.ca/get-involved/volunteer/](http://cmhapeeldufferin.ca/get-involved/volunteer/)



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If you would like to help achieve our vision of a healthy society, please submit a resume and cover letter on your interest in mental health to [executiveoffice@cmhapeel.ca](mailto:executiveoffice@cmhapeel.ca) by **Tuesday June 15, 2021.**

Click [here](#) for more information on this role.



## Employment Opportunity

<b>Job Title:</b> Finance Coordinator	<b>Date Posted:</b> May 20, 2021	<b>Reports to:</b> Senior Finance Manager
<b>Job Posting # FC-009/2021-22</b>	<b>Date Closed:</b> June 3, 2021	<b>Position Type:</b> Full Time

**About Organization:**  
 Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS) is a pioneer community based not for profit, charitable organization. PCHS has been fulfilling the needs of the diverse populations for 30 years by providing services in the areas of addictions, mental health, geriatric, health promotion, domestic violence, parenting, settlement and services for women, children and youth. PCHS has several research studies to its credit and recognized as an innovative organization for community development and its Integrated Holistic Service Delivery Model. PCHS is accredited by Commission of Accreditation Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International and Imagine Canada. PCHS is a 2SLGBTQ sensitive organization.

**About Position:**  
 Finance Coordinator will work closely with Senior Finance Manager and Chief Operating Officer. This position will be responsible for maintaining all record keeping, bookkeeping and other related duties as assigned. This position will be required to plan, organize and control daily operations.

**Qualifications and skills required:**

- Diploma or Bachelor's degree in Accounting and/or Finance
- Preferred 3 years related experience
- Experience in the not-for-profit charity is preferred
- Required proficiency in QuickBooks and Microsoft Office
- Ability to work under tight time constraints and meet specified deadlines
- Detail oriented and well organized
- Self-starter, ability to plan and organize to meet internal and external deadlines
- Superior time management skills, multitasking and ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours in a fast paced environment
- Knowledge of the following will be an asset:
  - Microsoft Great Plains Dynamic
  - Ontario Health Care Reporting Standards
  - ADP Workforce Now
  - Familiarity with Cloud technology and Share-Point

**Requirements:**

- Must possess a valid Ontario Driver's License, have regular access to a reliable vehicle and provide proof of adequate vehicle insurance
- A satisfactory current Vulnerable Sector Screening (Criminal Record Check) report

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### Job Posting: Finance Coordinator - PCHS

The Punjabi Community Health Services is **hiring a Finance Coordinator!**

**Hours:** Full Time, 37.5 hours per week

**Position to commence:** June 21, 2021 or earlier

Please submit resume by **June 3, 2021** to the Hiring Committee at [hr@pchs4u.com](mailto:hr@pchs4u.com) and add **Job Posting #FC-009/2021-22** to the email subject line and cover letter. [More information on this role here.](#)

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### **Combating Epilepsy Misconceptions - Epilepsy Toronto**

Here is a new COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin, developed by doctors in partnership with settlement organizations, in 8 languages. It's the first in a series, addressing questions about the vaccine.

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## **Important News**

### **When can you get your 2nd COVID-19 dose?**

Several Canadian provinces will be administering second doses of COVID-19 vaccine earlier than expected, due to the high number of people who have received their first dose so far, and a big supply of vaccine. **Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19.** Ontario has now opened up vaccinations for all those: 18+ and living in hotspot areas. You can check to see if you are eligible by entering your postal code and eligibility group: [Book your vaccine here.](#)

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**Step 1:** An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions

**Step 2:** Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn.

**Step 3:** Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn.

For a breakdown on the reopening plan, click [here](#).

### Breaking taboos in the South Asian community

Thaen Pot focuses on getting South Asian women to embrace and speak openly about their sexuality. Dr. Varuna Srinivasan, a physician by training and an advocate on issues surrounding sexuality in South Asian cultures, says "Language and education is just so imperative in our knowledge and in the way that we view ourselves and our bodies... and in encouraging kids to think more openly about their sexuality."

"We live in such white-dominated spaces and we are often told by our parents that live-in relationships are for white people ... having a girlfriend or boyfriend at 16 is for white people." Srinivasan said. To read more, click [here](#).

### COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in Canada

Vaccine Hunters has compiled a list of COVID-19 Vaccination websites for community members to access and find the closest vaccination clinic to them. [Click here to view their compiled list.](#)

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