# Prince Edward Island

# **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **PPE**

Jan 27: Health PEI implemented a new policy making it mandatory for all staff, patients, visitors, and members of the public to wear face masks at all of its facilities. PEI's healthcare system is experiencing significant overcapacity with limited availability of hospital beds. The problem is expected to get worse in the coming weeks as cold and flu season kicks into high gear and increases patient volumes and demands on the system.

**Action Point:** Find out why <u>standard PPE leaves women workers exposed to injury risk</u> and how to implement a strategy for ensuring that the PPE you select is suitable to workers of all sexes and body types.

### **New Laws**

Jan 30: The federal government and PEI teamed up on new initiatives to be offered via the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership to support the province's cattle and livestock sectors, including additional funding per retained heifer or the acquisition of bred heifers, bred cows, or cow-calf pairs and incentives for feedlot and cow calf producers for increasing the availability of cattle eligible under the PEI Certified Beef marketing brand.

# Workers' Comp

Feb 28: February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for PEI employers to submit their workers' comp payroll data reports listing their actual 2024 payroll cost figures and projected expenses in 2025 to the WCB to avoid the risk of late fees, interest, and penalties.

# **Workers' Comp**

Feb 26: The PEI WCB will end public consultations on proposed changes to Support For Personal Independence (POL-82) designed to clarify the criteria that workers must meet to be eligible for personal independence supports required as a result of a work-related injury.

