

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN YOUR COVID-19 FARM PLAN

- COVID Procedures must be included in new worker orientation
- All existing persons on the farm (including family members and workers) should be trained in these new procedures
- Limit all unnecessary persons on the farm (Visitors/friends/etc.). If workers get a ride to work, get them to be dropped off/picked up at the road.
- Keep a written log of anyone who does come to the farm, for example deliveries: Date, Time, Company, Name etc. – (Note: Do not ask these persons to write down the information or sign – there is additional risk of transmission by handing them paper/pens/etc.)
- Ensure that everyone at the farm knows the symptoms of COVID-19
- Get everyone to regularly use the self assessment tool (see resources)
- Advise all workers that they must not come to work if they are feeling ill or believe they may have been exposed to risk of COVID 19.
- Try to have “standby workers” available in case of persons not attending work (as above)
- Wherever possible workers must maintain social distancing of 6ft. If they need to be closer for short periods of time, then masks should be being worn.
- Try to establish small teams of people who do need to work closer than 6ft. This will reduce numbers of persons who may be infected or be deemed to be “close contacts”, if these small teams always work together.
- COVID signage should be displayed at entrance to farm/work area – general sign about COVID Precautions and employee “reminder” type signs should be in frequently seen areas. (See resources for examples of signs that can be printed off). Signs can also be home made.
- Ensure that everyone always has access to necessary PPE (for example masks) and appropriate disinfecting/sanitising supplies
- Ensure handwashing/sanitising facilities are readily accessible to all workers.
- Establish frequent times for cleaning washrooms. Document when done.
- If meals are provided to farm workers remember that “buffet help-yourself” style is not allowed. Meals must be individually packed.
- Think about eating areas – persons must be seated 6ft apart and tables/chairs etc. need to be cleaned between each usage.

- Identify frequent touch areas such as doors, tools, etc. and establish frequent sanitising of these areas. Ensure that everyone knows the requirements for when they must wipe things down.
- Provide disinfectant wipes, sprays, etc. and put them close to the areas that are to be wiped down so that they are readily accessible to everyone
- To reduce the need for sanitising – limit access to buildings to only those that need to be in there. For example, does everyone need to go in the shop?
- Where possible limit multiple operators of vehicles and equipment. Establish protocols so that everyone sanitizes the following both on getting into and out of vehicles/equipment (wipe door handles, steering wheels, gear shifters, controls, monitors, etc.). Keep a log in each vehicle for recording when this was done. Put supplies of hand sanitizer and paper towels in all vehicles and equipment
- No riders/passengers in trucks/equipment
- Think about where workers “store” personal items they bring to work such as backpacks, spare jackets, etc. They cannot be “thrown in a pile” – they must be kept separated.