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We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

### **1. Federal Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations – Extended**

Canada's COVID-19 border and quarantine emergency orders were renewed August 8, 2021 to extend existing measures until September 21, 2021.

- 2021-0823: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41060&lang=en>
- 2021-0824: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country Other than the United States) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41061&lang=en>
- 2021-0825: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations) - <https://orders-in-council.canada.ca/attachment.php?attach=41062&lang=en>

### **2. COVID-19 Sector Stakeholder Engagement During the Election Period**

As you are all aware, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, has issued the proclamation to dissolve Parliament and authorized the issuance of the writs for the federal general election, which will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This means we are now in a writ period which impacts Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) capacity to engage with stakeholders. While the Government retains full legal authority to govern under a writ, and necessary government work will continue, we are now in a period where government activity is subject to restraint under what is often referred to as the "caretaker convention." The caretaker convention reflects the need for the Government to confine itself to necessary public business and to avoid binding future governments to the extent possible.

We would like to inform you that AAFC's COVID-19 Sector Stakeholder Calls will be paused until further notice and COVID-19 Information updates **will be sent only on an 'as needed' basis**. However, AAFC will continue to monitor the RT account for any COVID-related issues or information that stakeholders wish to bring to the department's attention.

We encourage you to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account ([aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@agr.gc.ca](mailto:aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@agr.gc.ca)).

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