Hello,

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 <u>AAFC website</u> regularly for updates.

1. Easing of Border Measures for Temporary Foreign Workers (July 5, 2021)

As per the Public Health Agency of Canada's announcement on June 21, 2021, beginning July 5, 2021 at 12h01 AM EDT, fully vaccinated travellers will not be required to quarantine or complete a day-8 test. In addition, fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air will not be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel to await their on-arrival test result. Additional information is provided in the attached document.

COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada - Travel restrictions in Canada - Travel.gc.ca

To be considered fully vaccinated, a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — <u>accepted by the Government of Canada</u> at least 14 days prior to entering Canada. Currently, those vaccines are manufactured by:

- Pfizer
- Moderna
- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)

Travellers must provide proof of vaccination in English or French (or a certified translation). Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country.

To be eligible for these exemptions, fully vaccinated travellers must still meet the pre-entry and <u>on-arrival testing requirements</u>, be asymptomatic, submit all required COVID-19 information electronically into ArriveCAN prior to travel to Canada, have a paper or digital copy of their proof of vaccination, and have a suitable quarantine plan.

Providing proof of your result

You must present an accepted test result (paper or electronic proof) which must include:

- Traveller name and date of birth
- Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test
- The date on which the test was conducted
- The type of test conducted
- The test result

For travellers who are not fully vaccinated, there are no changes to Canada's current border measures. They must continue to adhere to the <u>current testing and federal quarantine</u> requirements, which have been effective in reducing importation and transmission of COVID-19 and variants in Canada, and provide COVID-19-related information electronically through ArriveCAN before arriving in Canada.

Employers who provide accommodations to TFWs are required to house quarantining workers in accommodations that are separate from those not subject to quarantine including workers who meet the vaccine requirements. This may require finding alternate accommodations (e.g., a hotel) if this requirement cannot be met.

If a worker becomes symptomatic at any time, the employer is required to provide immediate accommodations that enable the worker to isolate from others. This accommodation needs to include a private bedroom and private bathroom.

As a reminder, employers will continue to be subject to inspection and those who do not comply with these requirements could be subject to penalties.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email <u>NC-TFWP_PTET-INBOX@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca</u>.

2. Summer 2021 AAFC COVID-19 Stakeholder Calls

Please note that the next two calls for the summer period will be held on Wednesday, July 21st and August 25th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (EST). Calendar invites will be sent shortly.

In the meantime, questions and comments can be submitted either through the Roundtable account (<u>aafc.roundtable-tableronde.aac@agr.gc.ca</u>) or by contacting AAFC representatives directly.

3. Information on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from the Public Health Agency of Canada

There are a number of updated resources available on the Public Health Agency of Canada website for the public including an **Outbreak Update** and the **COVID-19 Virtual Assistant**: <u>Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)</u>. Your organization may also be interested in:

Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 Vaccines

• COVID-19 Vaccines:

- **NEW!** Health Canada updates Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine labels to include information on myocarditis and pericarditis
- **NEW!** <u>AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine and COVISHIELD: Risk of Capillary Leak</u> <u>Syndrome</u>
- **UPDATE!** Evergreen Rapid Review on COVID-19 Vaccine Attitudes and Uptake <u>Update 7</u>
- UPDATE! <u>COVID-19 vaccination in Canada</u>
- o UPDATE! <u>Reported side effects following COVID-19 vaccination in Canada</u>

• General information:

- o UPDATE! Update on COVID-19 in Canada: Epidemiology and Modelling
- o Industry Advisory Roundtable on COVID-19 testing: Border measures
- o Expert Advisory Group Report 1: Charting a Path toward Ambition
- o Drug and vaccine authorizations for COVID-19: List of applications received

- Joint Statement w/WHO: How COVID-19 vaccines are regulated for safety and effectiveness
- o <u>COVID-19 summaries of recent evidence</u>
- o <u>International response</u>
- <u>Guidance on amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations for drugs for use in</u> relation to COVID-19: Overview
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Travel restrictions, exemptions and advice
 - o UPDATE! COVID-19 mandatory hotel stopover: Plan and book
 - o UPDATE! COVID-19: Summary data about travellers, testing and compliance
 - o UPDATE! COVID-19 vaccinated travellers entering Canada
 - o UPDATE! Assistance with COVID-19 travel restrictions and requirements
 - **UPDATE!** <u>Use ArriveCAN to enter Canada</u>, <u>Help for ArriveCAN</u> and <u>Contact us about</u> <u>ArriveCAN</u>
 - o **UPDATE!** <u>COVID-19 and travel: Exemptions from testing and quarantine</u>
 - o Fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada during COVID-19
 - o <u>COVID-19 and travel: Exemptions from testing and quarantine</u>
 - Entering Canada by air during COVID-19

• Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): <u>Awareness resources</u>

- UPDATE! COVID-19 Awareness Tool Kit
- UDPATE! COVID-19 signs, symptoms and severity of disease: A clinician guide
- UPDATE! Flying to Canada requirements checklist and Driving to Canada requirements checklist
- UPDATE! Going out safely during COVID-19
- <u>COVID-19: Host an engagement session on vaccines and public health measures in</u> your community
- COVID-19 vaccines: We can all help by getting vaccinated
- Video series: "My Why" on getting the COVID-19 vaccine
- Ask the experts video series: COVID-19 vaccines questions

For any questions: phac.hpoc.stakeholders-partiesprenantes.cops.aspc@canada.ca

Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder call will be held Wednesday July 21st at noon EST.

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account (<u>aafc.roundtable-tableronde.aac@agr.gc.ca</u>).

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