

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 [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

**1. Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) border measure exemptions**

AAFC would like to share an important update related to COVID-19 and border measures for agricultural temporary foreign workers. Today, the Government of Canada announced that the current exemption from the 3-day hotel stopover in government approved accommodation for agricultural TFWs in specified occupational codes **has been extended until March 21, 2021**. These workers can continue to go directly to the location of their 14-day quarantine provided by their employer while they wait for the results of their COVID-19 test taken on arrival. More information on this exemption is available at: [COVID-19 mandatory hotel stopover](#). A signed, bilingual copy of the updated **Chief Public Health Officer of Canada Exemption** is also attached for your use and reference.

AAFC will share more details as soon as possible about the process that seasonal agricultural workers and their employers should expect after March 21, 2021.

**2. COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing occurring in the regions**

The attached COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing document summarizes information on current COVID-19 vaccination roll out plans and rapid testing initiatives occurring in all regions. It provides an easy and quick way to locate information of interest to the agriculture and agri-food sector, including the current status and prioritization of the sector in the COVID-19 vaccination plans in each province/territory (PT). Note that this document is an attempt to synthesize available information only. PT plans and initiatives will continue to be updated and refined over time. Industry stakeholders should always consult with PT/local authorities for the latest information and to learn more about vaccination plans and rapid testing initiatives.

**3. Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety COVID-19 Resources**

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) is Canada's national resource for the advancement of workplace health and safety. Throughout this pandemic, CCOHS, in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada, has developed a variety of products/services to help ensure high-level COVID-19 related guidance in relation to public health, infection prevention, occupational safety guidance, training, and knowledge transformation to support a wide range of employment sectors and organizations across Canada, including the agriculture and agri-food sectors.

Most recently, CCOHS has published a new COVID-19 prevention e-course for temporary foreign workers in agriculture, "[P0626EN: Prevent the Spread of COVID-19: Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers](#)". This course is available for free, and **is now available in Spanish (NEW)** as well as English. French versions are coming soon.

**4. 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: [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)**.

**Vaccines**

- **COVID-19 Vaccines:**
  - **NEW!** [Health Canada authorizes Janssen COVID-19 vaccine](#)

- **NEW!** [Janssen COVID-19 vaccine: What you should know](#)
- **UPDATED!** [NACI rapid response: Extended dose intervals for COVID-19 vaccines to optimize early vaccine rollout and population protection in Canada](#)
- **UPDATED!** [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada: Vaccination coverage](#)
- **UPDATED!** [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada: Vaccines administered](#)
- **UPDATED!** [What's new: Drug products \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine: What you should know](#)
- [Canada to receive 2 million doses of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India](#)
- [Recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines](#)

#### **Recalls and Safety Alerts**

- **NEW!** [Authorization of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine with English-only Vial and Carton Labels](#)
- **NEW!** [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: Updated Storage and Transportation Conditions](#)
- [Authorization of AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine with English-only Vial and Carton Labels](#)
- [Authorization of COVISHIELD with English-only Vial and Carton Labels](#)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): **[Travel restrictions, exemptions and advice](#)**
  - **UPDATED!** [Flying to Canada requirements checklist](#)
  - **UPDATED!** [Driving to Canada requirements checklist](#)
  - **UPDATED!** [COVID-19 mandatory hotel stopover: About](#)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): **[Awareness resources](#)**
  - **UPDATED!** [Going out safely during COVID-19](#)
  - [COVID-19: How to make your mask fit properly](#)

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**Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder calls will be held Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

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

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