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NOTICE: Employers of Temporary Foreign Workers on Farms

The Province of Ontario is requiring that anyone who has travelled outside of Canada self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival in Canada. As you may be participating in the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, this requirement would extend to all temporary foreign workers (TFW) arriving in Canada.

The Ontario Ministry of Health has prepared guidance for employers of temporary foreign workers. This guidance is found here: [COVID-19 Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers](#), and includes information on:

- Transportation of TFW to farms
- Requirements for all temporary foreign workers to [self-isolate](#) for a period of 14 days upon arrival in Canada and employer's responsibilities to provide required supplies
- Guidance if a TFW develops symptoms
- Guidance on active and passive screening employers should implement
- Occupational Health and Safety considerations
- Information on Cleaning and Sanitizing
- COVID-19 Symptoms and how to protect yourself and others
- Information on Physical Distancing
- OHIP Q&A

We advise that you carefully review this [guidance](#) (including embedded links) and prepare plans and protocols accordingly. (We have also included additional links below to other resources.)

For example, it is recommended you develop plans for (but not limited to): the initial 14-day self-isolation period all TFW must follow upon arrival in Canada; active and passive screening protocols; and a response plan should someone develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

If you or a TFW develop symptoms, we advise you to use [Ontario's COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) to assess symptoms and identify when self-isolation or further measures are required.

Please review your plans and protocols with all workers and ensure they understand them and have the resources to follow protocols.

Please visit our website, www.wdgppublichealth.ca/coronavirus, to access reliable and up to date information on COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued cooperation through this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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Contact Information for Additional Inquiries:

Dial 519-822-2715 ext. 4020 (open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) for COVID-19 inquiries or 519-822-2715 ext. 4753 to contact a Public health Inspector.

Additional Resources:

Public Health Ontario resources **(some available in Spanish):**

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/public-resources?tab=0>

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health COVID-19: www.wdgppublichealth.ca/coronavirus

Ontario Ministry of Health 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Fact Sheet English:

<https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-english-2020-02-18.pdf>

Ontario Ministry of Health 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Fact Sheet Spanish:

<https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-spanish-2020-02-18.pdf>

Ontario's COVID-19 self-assessment tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0>

How to Self-Isolate: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate.pdf?la=en>

How to Self-Monitor: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-self-monitor.pdf?la=en>

Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>

Public Health Ontario's How to Handwash Poster: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/jcyh-handwash.pdf?la=en>