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## FarmSafe Webinar Series

### [Safety Inspections](#)

In this webinar you will learn more about inspections and how they help you identify new hazards on your farm and catch issues before they injure someone.

### [Incident Investigation](#)

When an incident occurs on your farm you want to be prepared to complete an investigation to prevent similar incidents in the future, to fulfill legal requirements, to determine the cost of an incident, to ensure compliance with legislation and for insurance claims.

### [System Admin](#)

This webinar will provide you with information on keeping records and maintaining them. You may then want to use this information to identify trends and areas for improvement on your farm.

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### Safety Inspections

July 8 @7pm

### Incident Investigations

July 29 @7pm

### System Administration

August 12 @7pm

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## Visitor Safety on Your Farm



As we start to see COVID regulations relax around travel and socializing, producers are also going to see an increase in the number of visitors to their farms and ranches in coming months.

This will be a welcome change for many of us. But it's also a good time to be reminded of the importance of having a safety plan and program in place for farm visitors.

This safety plan should be a consistent part of your overall farm safety plan, but it's also a good idea to update it every year – or create a new one.

If you are expecting visitors to your farm/ranch this summer, here are a few general considerations and reminders.

Before visitors arrive:

- Have a safety program and orientation in place specifically for on-farm visits.

- Designate which areas people are allowed to visit and which are off limits. Clearly mark each area as such and provide physical signs and barriers (such as fences, gates, locked doors) as needed. Also ensure visitors can't access potentially dangerous farm products such as chemicals or animal drugs.
- Consider if safety gear or specific training is needed for any visitor-friendly areas of your property. If yes, ensure you are prepared to instruct visitors on these topics.
- Have an emergency response plan in place for all possible accidents (including medical situations, fires, weather events, biohazards, power failures, missing guests, etc.)
- Ensure all your indoor visitor-friendly areas are up to code for fire safety (ie. have well-marked exits, easily accessible fire extinguishers and follow rules for number of people).
- Include hand-washing stations as needed.
- Post general farm safety rules somewhere visible and accessible.

#### When visitors arrive

- Ensure you have a designated and well-marked area for visitors to enter and leave your farm, such as a parking lot. This area should be uncluttered and accessible.
- Once visitors are on your property, they should be required to go through an on- farm safety orientation for every visit.
- The orientation should include information about which areas they are allowed to visit and which are off-limits. It should also include what to do in the case of an emergency.
- Remind adults that any children in their groups need to be supervised at all times.
- Once the safety orientation is complete, each visitor should be required to sign a form noting they have undergone this training.

For more information, visit [assafeab.ca](https://assafeab.ca) or get in touch with one of our advisors at any time.

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## COVID-19 Resources

In response to COVID-19, the Government of Alberta has created a new Agriculture Training Support Program to help employers in the food supply chain provide necessary training to new Alberta employees.

The program is intended to offset costs for COVID-19 safety and training, including the costs for personal protective equipment and to remove any barriers to get Albertans safely working.

<https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/program/TRAINING>

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# COVID-19 SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FARM WORKERS

## CLEANING & DISINFECTING



- 1** Wipe down all surfaces that an operator would touch, including buttons and switches



- 2** Do not use a cleaner or disinfectant that can pool on the tool, equipment, or machinery



- 3** Wipe down commonly touched surfaces such as door handles, light switches, hand/power tools, ladders, gates, etc.



- 4** Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting hard and soft surfaces

## PERSONAL HYGIENE



- 1** Wash your hands for 20 seconds after touching any public surface



- 2** Stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) apart when possible



- 3** Wear a mask when around other workers

Keep these steps in mind throughout your day, to ensure everyone on your farm team stays safe and healthy.

# LET'S STOP THE SPREAD

## COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS SELF-ASSESSMENT CHART

Everyday before starting a shift and ending a shift all workers must self-assess for COVID-19 by asking these questions:

**Are you experiencing any of the following:**

- > Severe difficulty breathing
- > Feeling confused
- > Losing consciousness
- > Severe chest pain
- > Having a very hard time waking up

**YES** →

- > Call 911, or
- > Go to nearest emergency department
- > Tell your employer

**NO**

**Are you experiencing any of the following:**

- > Mild/moderate shortness of breath and coughing
- > Cannot lie down because of difficulty breathing
- > Cannot manage other health conditions because of difficulty breathing

**YES** →

- > Consult a Family Doctor, OR
- > Consult a Nurse Practitioner, OR
- > Seek care at treatment centre
- > Tell your employer

**NO**

**Are you experiencing cold, flu or COVID-19 like symptoms, even mild ones? Symptoms include:**

- > Cough
- > Fever
- > Muscle Aches
- > Fatigue
- > Sore Throat
- > Headache
- > Loss of appetite
- > Chills
- > Runny nose
- > Nausea and vomiting
- > Diarrhea
- > Loss of sense of smell/taste

**YES** →

**Get assessed for COVID-19 AND**

- > Self isolate for 10 days,
- > *Until* your fever is gone,
- > Your symptoms have resolved **AND**
- > You are feeling better

**NO**

**Have you travelled to ANY country outside of Canada in the last 14 days?**

**YES** →

**Self-isolate for 14 days.**

- > You DO NOT need testing for COVID-19
- > Regularly self monitor for any symptoms. If symptoms develop—retake the self-assessment and inform your employer.

**NO**

**Have you provided care or had contact with a person with COVID-19 (probable or confirmed) while they were ill?**

**YES** →

**NO**

→ You do not appear to have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

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## We want to hear from you!

Every month, we will be including a survey question for our subscribers about ag safety!

July's question is:

***What do you do to help prevent heat stress in the summer?***



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