

COVID-19 Weekly Information Update - June 12 / Mise à jour de la semaine - le 12 juin

Hello,

We would like to share with you a few updates related to COVID-19 and ask that you share this information with your networks.

Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates. This week, we updated our website to include information on the [Personal Protective Equipment hub](#).

1) Launch of the Emergency Processing Fund (EPF)

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, today launched the \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund (EPF) as part of the Government of Canada's action to support Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of COVID-19.

The program will prioritize projects based on two objectives:

- **Emergency COVID Response** to assist companies to implement changes required by COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of workers. This funding will assist with:
 - plant retrofits or adjustments to existing operations to accommodate changes to processes and production; and
 - increasing capacity for herd management.
- **Strategic Investments** to assist companies to improve, automate, and modernize facilities needed to increase Canada's food supply capacity.

Eligible applicants include for-profit organizations, cooperatives and indigenous groups. Activities can be retroactive to March 15, 2020 and must be completed by September 30, 2020. Information on the application process is available through the [Emergency Processing Fund](#) or to learn more, please contact aafc.epf-fut.aac@canada.ca or call: 1-877-246-4682.

2) Launch of the Personal Protective Equipment Hub

Public Service and Procurement Canada launched a new online [personal protective equipment \(PPE\) hub](#) on June 9, 2020, to bring together information and resources for organizations buying and selling PPE, complementing the Government of Canada's work to increase domestic PPE production. The hub will serve as one-stop location for information and resources to support the sector in accessing PPE.

3) Second call for proposals under the Local Food Infrastructure Fund

On June 9, 2020, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, [announced](#) the launch of the second call for proposals under the Local Food Infrastructure Fund. This second call for proposals, valued at \$43.4 million, is now accepting applications.

This second call for proposals under the program will support small and large community-led projects at facilities such as urban gardens, community kitchens, food banks, and greenhouses. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until funding has been allocated. Projects valued at up to \$250,000 will be accepted. This second call for proposals could also support a cluster of organizations who are ready to enhance their regional food systems.

4) Recall of certain hand sanitizers that may pose health risks

On June 6th, 2020, Health Canada issued a recall notice for certain hand sanitizers which contain industrial-grade ethanol that has not been authorized for use in hand sanitizers in Canada. Further information can be found on [Health Canada's website](#).

5) Temporary Foreign Workers Arrivals Data

Please find **enclosed some recent data** on temporary foreign workers arrivals including provincial breakdown.

6) Updated AAFC Inventory: Economic support available to the agriculture and agri-food sector

Please find **attached a revised version** of the roll-up of federal measures. A correction has been made to the description of the first item under Cash Flow and Liquidity Measures. Please refer to this version instead of the version shared on May 29, 2020.

Thank you,

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