

COVID-19 Weekly Information Update - September 11, 2020 / COVID-19 - Mise à jour de la semaine - le 11 septembre 2020

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. **COVID Alert app**

- Health Canada has developed a suite of tools to help Canadians contain the spread of COVID-19 as our economy continues to re-open and grow. They are: the [COVID Alert app](#); the [Canada COVID-19 App and Self-Assessment Tool](#); the [ArriveCAN app](#); and the [Wellness Together portal](#) along with a variety of infographics and videos on how to go out safely and how to use a non-medical mask.
- For more information please consult the attached documents.

2. **Reprocessing and Reusing N95 Respirators**

- The food sector has faced challenges since the pandemic began in acquiring N95 respirators that are needed for occupational health and safety requirements. The sector has inquired about re-using N95s since Health Canada originally published guidance on this subject in Spring 2020. Given the sector's interest in this subject, the following information is being shared:

As of August 31, 2020, Health Canada has updated its guidance on how to reprocess used N95 respirators and has approved various [decontamination methods](#) for the safe reprocessing of single use N95 respirators. The goal is to extend the usability of N95 respirators as a contingency measure during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health Canada encourages contacting original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) directly for reprocessing advice or testing conducted specific to their devices. For information on Health Canada's requirements for reprocessed respirators, please see the notice on [Reprocessing of Single Use N95 Respirators during the COVID-19 Response](#).

3. **Update for labelling of foodservice packaged products and prepackaged meat products during the COVID-19 pandemic**

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has extended the temporary enforcement flexibility for non-food safety labelling requirements for foodservice packaged products and prepackaged meat products.
- Notices to industry for labelling regarding temporary enforcement flexibility for foodservice packaged products and prepackaged meat products were to be in effect until September 5, 2020 and September 14, 2020, respectively.
- The CFIA has extended the period of flexibility for both foodservice packaged products and prepackaged meat products to December 31, 2020.
- All requirements that were outlined in the previous notices continue to apply during this extended period.

- The CFIA's long-standing compliance and enforcement policy is to respond to non-compliance with fairness, impartiality and transparency. The CFIA continues to do so with the additional considerations raised by COVID-19.

Thank you,

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