

COVID-19 Weekly Information Update - September 18, 2020 / COVID-19 - Mise à jour de la semaine - le 18 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. **Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA)**

As mentioned on previous COVID 19 monitoring conference calls, the deadline to apply for [CEBA](#) has been extended to October 31, 2020. If you have already applied for CEBA and have questions, please contact the CEBA Call Centre at 1-888-324-4201.

2. **Susceptibility studies on domestic turkeys, chickens and pigs**

Susceptibility studies on domestic turkeys, chickens and pigs have confirmed that these animals do not spread SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease, to humans, animals or the environment. CFIA scientists demonstrated that SARS-CoV-2 does not replicate in domestic turkeys and chicken and replicates poorly in domestic swine under laboratory conditions. The studies also showed that these animals did not carry the virus in their tissues used for human consumption.

- [CFIA scientific studies confirm that domestic poultry and swine do not pose a public health risk of transmitting COVID-19](#)
- [CFIA information on COVID-19](#)

3. **Flexibility for claim submissions to MISTFWP**

To be eligible for reimbursement, the temporary foreign worker's date of arrival shall be no earlier than March 26, 2020, and no later than September 30, 2020, the date on which the current special order under the [Quarantine Act](#) is set to expire. You must submit your claim(s) to the program by September 14, 2020, for all workers who arrived in Canada prior to September 1, 2020. If you have temporary foreign workers arriving in the month of September, you may submit your claim(s) for those workers by October 14, 2020.

There will be flexibility around the submission date for claims under the MISTFWP, particularly if the delay is related to only getting the contribution agreement recently. We would, however, encourage producers to make their claims as soon as they can to make sure that they are processed in a timely fashion.

4. **AAFC – Industry-Government COVID-19 monitoring call**

The calls have been – and continue to be – a good way for AAFC to share and receive information with stakeholders. In an effort to use your time efficiently and still provide as much information as possible, starting the week of September 21, 2020, the COVID-19 information sharing calls will be held once per week, on Wednesday at Noon EST.

AAFC will continue to closely monitor how the COVID 19 situation progresses and can increase the frequency of calls, if needed.

The Roundtable email account will still take questions and information, and our weekly update emails will continue.

Thank you,
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