

Risk Assessment & Infection Prevention and Control Protocol (COVID-19):

Company:	Prepared by:
Date:	HAZARD: <u>COVID-19</u>
Type of farm/ agricultural operation: Dairy	

Instructions to complete:

- Task & Location: Identify tasks being performed in which COVID-19 may present itself as a hazard to your workers (e.g. transporting workers, planting, packing line etc.). Document where each task is performed.
- Exposure source: Determine who or what may be a potential source of COVID-19 (e.g. other workers, common use tools etc.)
- Persons at risk: Determine who is at risk of COVID-19 exposure
- Level of risk: Determine what level of risk will be present for your workers for each task – High / Medium / Low
- Infection Prevention and Control Protocol: Identify what procedures you have implemented to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure for each Task & Location identified. (e.g. limit number of workers in vehicle, install barriers between workers on packing line, stagger break times, increased cleaning frequency etc.) The procedures / protocols must be specific to your farm and the hazards you identify.

***Employers may add or adjust rows to meet the needs of your farm. All columns must be complete.**

TASK & LOCATION	EXPOSURE SOURCE	PERSONS AT RISK	LEVEL OF RISK	INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL
Milking (Parlour)	Other workers, milking cluster, control panels, railings, water hose	Workers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing of at least 2 meters (m) should be maintained at all times • In situations where employees are required to work together in close proximity to complete tasks, the employer will designate employees to small working groups of no more than 5 workers • Hands should be washed thoroughly before and after milking • High touch areas such as milking clusters, control panels, railings and water hoses will be wiped down before and after each milking.
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If parlour equipment needs to be serviced, ensure work area has been wiped down prior to service technician arriving. Prior to technician arriving, review health questionnaire with service provider, review health questionnaire again with the technician when they arrive on site. Observe for any Covid-19 symptoms. When technician is complete, wipe down all high touch areas and any areas where work was completed.

Milking (Robotic)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing of at least 2 meters (m) should be maintained at all times • In situations where employees are required to work together in close proximity to complete tasks, the employer will designate employees to small working groups of no more than 5 workers • Hands should be washed thoroughly before and after milking • High touch areas such as control panels, door handles and railings will be wiped down before and after leaving the robotics room. • If Robotic equipment needs to be serviced, ensure work area has been wiped down prior to service technician arriving. Prior to technician arriving, review health questionnaire with service provider, review health questionnaire again with the technician when they arrive on site. Observe for any Covid-19 symptoms. When technician is complete, wipe down all high touch areas and any areas where work was completed.
Field work (cultivating fields, seeding, fertilizing, spraying, harvesting)	Other workers, contractors (custom and tractor/implement technicians)	Workers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands should be washed thoroughly before and after using mobile equipment and common surfaces should be wiped down before and at the end of each trip. • If permissible, assign mobile equipment to operators to decrease the number of workers using a single piece of mobile equipment • If mobile equipment/implements needs to be serviced, ensure the interior high touch surfaces have been wiped down prior to service technician arriving. Prior to technician arriving, review health questionnaire with service provider, review health questionnaire again with the technician when they arrive on site. Observe for any Covid-19 symptoms. When technician is complete, wipe down all high touch areas and additionally any areas where work was completed.
Servicing tractors and implements (farm workers doing service), Refilling seeder, sprayer, fertilizer.	Other workers, high touch areas (areas being serviced)	Workers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing of at least 2 meters (m) should be maintained at all times • In situations where employees are required to work together in close proximity to complete tasks, the employer will designate employees to small working groups of no more than 5 workers • Where possible, each employee will be supplied with their own tools to be used throughout the duration of their employment • Where it is not possible to provide personal tools, the shared tools and equipment will be wiped down and cleaned with a disinfecting agent such as disposable wipes or a diluted bleach solution between uses by different employees. Rubber gloves will be worn while handling bleach solutions and the area will be well ventilated. • Hands should be washed thoroughly before and after servicing mobile equipment and common surfaces should be wiped after work has been completed • If possible, have another worker stay in their mobile equipment while loading seeder/sprayer or fertilizer. • Do not get out of tractor while being refilled • If operator is self-loading, ensure all equipment high touch areas have been wiped down prior to use and if possible, assign both pieces of equipment to the single operator for the duration of the task.

Feeding Cows	Other workers, high touch surfaces	Workers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing of at least 2 meters (m) should be maintained at all times • If possible, have another worker stay in their mobile equipment while loading feed wagon. • Do not get out of tractor while being refilled • If operator is self-loading, ensure all equipment high touch areas have been wiped down prior to use and if possible, assign both pieces of equipment to the single operator for the duration of the task
Cow Work (moving cows, treating cows)	Workers, Veterinarians, high touch surfaces	Workers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing of at least 2 meters (m) should be maintained at all times • If Vet needs to be on site, ensure work area has been wiped down prior to Vet arriving. Prior to Vet arriving, review health questionnaire with clinic, review health questionnaire again with the Vet when they arrive on site. Observe for any Covid-19 symptoms. When Vet is complete, wipe down all high touch areas and any areas where work was completed. • If Vet will require assistance to complete their task, ensure they bring their own assistant. • Hands should be washed thoroughly before and after working with cows or after treating cows
<p>NOTES: Employees must complete the self-assessment tool https://bc.thrive.health/ at the start and end of each shift, prior to entering a vehicle. Employees who upon completion of the self-assessment tool determine they may have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will refrain from entering any vehicle and immediately report to the employer, while ensuring physical distancing of 2m (e.g., reporting by phone).</p>				

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