

Dufferin County Agriculture Virtual Round Tables 2.0

“Growing Opportunity Through COVID-19”

April 28 and 29, 2020

Related Resources

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Resources:

Grant: Agri-Food Open for E-Business - Targeted Intake

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/ebusiness.htm>

Marketing and direct farm marketing resources

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/entrepreneur.html>

Selling directly to consumers

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/directfarmmkt/index.html>

Agricultural business management resources

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/agbusdev.html>

Agriculture and Food jobs in Ontario

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/agriculture-and-food-jobs-ontario>

Mental Health for Farmers- First Aid Kit

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/mental-health.htm>

Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) COVID Resources:

<https://ofa.on.ca/covid-19>

Webinars to support Farm employer during COVID-19

<https://ofa.on.ca/upcoming-webinars-to-support-farm-employers-during-covid-19/>

Summary of Government Financial Assistance

<https://ofa.on.ca/resources/summary-of-government-financial-assistance-for-ontario-farm-businesses/>

Guide to Operating your Essential Farm Business during COVID-19

<https://ofa.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Guide-to-Operating-Your-Essential-Farm-Business-During-COVID-19.pdf>

A Guide for Direct Sales to Consumers during COVID-19 and Beyond

<https://ofa.on.ca/resources/a-guide-for-direct-sales-to-consumers-during-covid-19-and-beyond/>

Essential seasonal and domestic workers – template letter

<https://ofa.on.ca/resources/essential-worker-template-letter/>

Partnership with CAHRC, OFA members receive a free annual membership to the “AgriHR Toolkit”

<https://ofa.on.ca/resources/free-resources-to-help-your-farm-business-during-covid-19/>

Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association Resources:

Best practices COVID Guide

<http://ontariofarmfresh.com/>

COVID-19 Guide

<http://ontariofarmfresh.com/covid19-guide/>

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety:

Pandemic Information

<http://pandemic.ccohs.ca/>

Outbreak Supports

<https://www.ccohs.ca/outbreaks/>

The Canadian Agricultural HR Council (CAHRC) - COVID-19 supports page:

<https://cahrc-ccrha.ca/programs/emerging-agriworkforce-issues/information-and-updates-coronavirus-covid-19>

Georgian College Career and Employment Community Services:

Free programs for Dufferin Employers and job seekers. They post, screen and refer potential candidates. Georgian also has incentives/grants for employers and related supports for new employees.

Georgian College Career and Employment Community Services, Orangeville

Edelbrock Centre: 30 Centre St., Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1 519 – 942 - 9986, ext. 5641 or email: cecs@georgiancollege.ca

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/community-alumni/centre-for-career-and-employment-services/>

Agriculture Canada Supports:

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/agricultural-programs-and-services/?id=1362151577626>

Farm Credit Canada:

Making an “If I get sick” plan for your farm:

https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/knowledge/creating-an-if-i-get-sick-farm-action-plan.html?utm_source=Subscribe+to+FCC+email&utm_campaign=33bec2d47e-FCC_K_N_04_10_2020_COVID-19_EN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ecca3657d7-33bec2d47e-19717433

National Farmers Union:

National Farmers Union of Ontario – recommendations for farm employers/employees during COVID-19

<https://nfuontario.ca/new/rights-and-responsibilities-of-employers-and-employees-during-covid-19/>

Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario COVID-19 Supports:

<https://www.christianfarmers.org/media/news-releases/covid-19-updates>

Farmers Markets Ontario:

Public Safety Protocols for Ontario’s Farmers’ Markets (April 7)

<https://www.farmersmarketsontario.com/covid-19-modifying-market-operations/>

“My pick” Program

<https://www.farmersmarketsontario.com/find-a-farmer/>

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association:

COVID-19 Supports Page

<https://ofvga.org/covid-19>

Suggested Guidelines for Foreign Workers on Farms

<https://ofvga.org/uploads/resources/files/20200330%20Grower%20Communication%20for%20COVID-19.pdf>

CCOHS new COVID-19 Agriculture Tip Sheet

<https://www.ccohs.ca/images/products/pandemiccovid19/pdf/agriculture.pdf>

Dufferin County:

Economic Development Business Impacts Survey 2.0

Dufferin County Economic Development is seeking input from local businesses to continue monitoring the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Your input helps us to track the impact locally and advocate on your behalf to the Provincial and Federal Government.

This survey is a part of a regional effort by the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus. Counties all across Southern Ontario are administering this survey and we will be comparing local results with those from across Southern Ontario. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.

<https://joinindufferin.com/impacts-of-covid-19-on-dufferin-county-businesses1>

Economic Development Business COVID-19 Resources

<https://www.dufferincounty.ca/economic-development/covid-19-information-businesses-0>

FindYourJob.ca: Job Portal and Career Guide

<https://www.findyourjob.ca/>

Dufferin Board of Trade:

“E-Commerce: Adapting your business for change” - Virtual Mentor Series

Friday May 1, 2020 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

<https://business.dufferinbot.ca/events/details/virtual-mentor-series-e-commerce-86>

Suggested online business operation supports and related comments from virtual round table:

Local Line

<https://site.localline.ca/>

WooCommerce

<https://woocommerce.com/>

Shopify

<https://www.shopify.ca>

Grapevine Club

<https://grapevine.club/>

**The Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin
(WPB):**

<https://www.workforceplanningboard.com/>