

COVID-19

Guidelines for Beekeepers

Workforce

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary foreign workers must self-isolate for 14 days upon arriving in Canada
- Any workers not feeling well, even with minor symptoms, must self-isolate for 10 days
- Any worker with a dry cough, fever, fatigue or difficulty breathing should call Health Link at 811
- Any workers with previous contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for 14 days, even if they do not have symptoms
- Organizations must ensure all workers clearly understand the advice and regulations from Alberta Health Services
- If anyone has symptomatic housemates, they should stay at home and monitor themselves, even if they do not have symptoms
- If possible, staff should be organized into independent teams of workers who are roommates. Do not share tools, supplies or vehicles between teams. This will minimize the potential for cross-infection and reduce likelihood of having to self-isolate the entire workforce at the same time

- Provide workers with appropriate cleaning materials and sanitation advice for their housing (Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer or other sanitizers with an alcohol content of 60 per cent ethanol or 70 per cent isopropanol)
- The U.S. Centre for Disease Control [has information sheets in Spanish](#)

Handwashing and Sanitation

- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap. Do not place yourself at additional risk of exposure to access handwashing sites
- When washing, wash hands with soap for at least 20 seconds. Wash all the surfaces of the hands, including palms, areas between fingers, back of hands, fingers, fingertips, thumbs, forearms, and under any rings
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands

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COVID-19, visit
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Workplace

- Limit farm gate sales of honey or use a non-contact method of payment
- Limit visitors whenever possible
- Disinfect work surfaces frequently
- Provide hot water, soap and hand sanitizer
- Maintain social physical distancing of two metres, including when working hives
- Set up workstations with physical distancing of two metres
- Disinfect phones, coffee pots, and other high use items before and after use
- Frequently sanitize on-farm fueling stations
- Limit gatherings to less than 15 people, and observe physical distancing at all times

Vehicles

- Disinfect the vehicle with a cleaning product containing at least 70 per cent alcohol. Spend extra time on the steering wheel. Don't forget the controls for radio, voice control, cruise control, navigation, paddle shift levers, gear selector lever or the turn indicator, the door and center console armrests, display screens, cup holders, cubbyholes, air conditioner vents and even the door "grab handles"
- Avoid ammonia-based cleaners, bleach or hydrogen peroxide, as this may break down vinyl
- Avoid switching drivers frequently
- To maintain social distancing, limit the number of passengers being transported per vehicle
- Roll down a window slightly to create a vacuum which will help circulate air from within the vehicle
- Use the vehicle's heater/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) air recirculation feature to ensure fresh air is being introduced to the passenger compartment
- Use disposable gloves and caution when fueling at service stations. If possible, pay at the pump
- Disinfect miscellaneous equipment (e.g., credit cards, pens, etc.) after each use



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