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NOTICE: Owners/Operators of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program

There are currently no local cases of COVID-19. The Medical Officer of Health is requiring that all travelers **self-isolate for 14 days**. As you may be participating in the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program, this requirement would extend to all Seasonal Workers arriving in Canada. Please refer to Public Health Ontario's [How to Self-Isolate](#) for more information regarding this process.

If you, or a seasonal worker, develop a fever, cough and difficulty breathing and have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days, please contact the WECHU at 519-258-2146 ext. 1420 to determine the next steps.

The WECHU requests that you consider preparing for instances in which a seasonal worker who shares accommodations with others would require self-isolation, and what measures will need to be taken; alternate arrangements may need to be made if a seasonal worker cannot adequately self-isolate away from other housemates.

Always practice increased handwashing, [proper cough and sneeze etiquette](#), to [clean and disinfect](#) common areas, and to enforce employee illness policies. Please review these policies with all workers, and encourage all staff to not come to work when ill. Please consider staggering lunch breaks and cancelling any planned events that are greater than 50 people. Workers that are moving or transferring from different accommodations must be screened and required to self-isolate if they have travelled out of the country and have respiratory symptoms.

The WECHU will continue to conduct inspections and issue permits as needed to support our local farmers. Please visit our website, www.wechu.org/coronavirus, to access reliable and up to date information on COVID19. Our entire site can be translated into several languages, including Spanish, Vietnamese, and Thai and we encourage you to share these important resources with your employees.



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Resources:

Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en>

How to Self-Isolate: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate.pdf?la=en>

How to Self-Monitor: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-self-monitor.pdf?la=en>

Proper Cough and Sneeze Practice: <https://www.wechu.org/sites/default/files/edit-resource/em-ministry-health-coronavirus-resources/propercoughhandsneezeeng.pdf>

Tips to Avoid Getting Sick: <https://www.wechu.org/z-health-topics/infection-prevention-tips-avoid-getting-sick>

What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy: <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-pec-poster-en-2020-03-09.pdf>