



As the COVID-19 virus spreads across the world, Canadian pork producers continue to do what they do best: raise healthy animals for safe and nutritious food production.

It is the work of the entire sector that allows food to be readily available in Canada, and the pork industry is keeping a close eye on the situation as it evolves.

STAYING HEALTHY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PIGS

1. Mind your personal hygiene.

- **Wash your hands** with soap and water frequently. Use a fingernail brush to clean under your fingernails. Use hand sanitizer when you don't have access to soap and water.
- **Cover your mouth** with a tissue or the inside of your arm if you cough or sneeze.
- **Dispose of any used tissue** in a trash can and wash your hands with soap and water.
- **Do not touch** your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

2. Keep your distance.

- **Practice social distancing.** Keep a one-meter distance between you and other people. Stay away from crowds.
- **Avoid contact** with people who are sick.
- If you feel sick, **stay home** and avoid contact with others.
- If you believe you have COVID-19, **self-isolate** immediately and follow the recommendations of your local health agency to get tested.

3. While on farm

- **Stagger** your coffee and lunch breaks. Different teams should take breaks at different times. As the team leaves the kitchen, quickly wipe down all frequently touched surfaces with a cloth and disinfectant.
- While in the lunchroom, **maintain a social distance of at least 2 metres** between yourself and other persons.
- **Avoid sharing devices.** If you need to share a device, clean it with a cloth and disinfectant. This includes syringes (clean as per existing protocol), ultrasound equipment and zephyr guns, for example.
- On a daily basis, **clean all surfaces** that are frequently touched with a cloth and disinfectant.
- On a daily basis, **clean bathrooms** with sanitizers, ensure the door handle, sink and taps are cleansed with a cloth and disinfectant.

*With information from Prairie Swine Health Services

What about the pigs?

COVID-19 is not transmitted by pork or pigs.

There is no research that suggests pigs are susceptible to COVID-19.



5 THINGS TO DO IN YOUR BARN IN LIGHT OF COVID-19.

1. Take care of yourself

Ensure you are staying healthy to take care of your pigs, your workforce and your family. Mind your own personal hygiene, keep your distance and clean and disinfect surfaces.

2. Take care of your workforce

Ensure your employees are aware of proper hygiene to minimize the spread of disease. Make sure they have everything at their disposal to practise proper handwashing. If employees feel sick, give them time off work to get healthy again.

Take appropriate measures so your employees can work.

Closures of services in the community might have a greater impact on them than you expect. Keep the communication lines open, and contribute to problem-solving.

If your employees can work from home, ensure they have the proper tools to do so. Provide them with the equipment, technical and other, to do so.

Think ahead. Plan for alternate working schedules if some employees cannot work. Find alternative ways to take care of the most pressing work.

See the [Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council's](#) website for more information.

3. Plan for possible disruptions in the value chain

Think about your needs for the next three months, and consider buying and storing the supplies you will be needing in advance. If your main supply source is compromised, where else can you obtain what you need?

4. Modify travel plans and logistics for business meetings

Cancel or postpone international travel plans. Restrict your trips to what is absolutely necessary. If you must hold or attend meetings, consider doing so from a distance, using teleconferencing and videoconferencing.

5. Expect daily routines to be challenged.

Develop contingency plans and adapt to a fluid situation. If the transportation system operates at reduced capacity, what are the possible impacts on your farm? How will you mitigate that impact?

Mental health matters!



Check out
www.domore.ag/resources
and get help!

Several Canadian organizations have compiled a list of **COVID-19 resources helpful to producers**. Visit their websites for more information.

- [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)
- [Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council](#)
- [Canadian Federation of Agriculture](#)
- [Ontario Pork](#)
- [Alberta Pork](#)
- [Saskatchewan Pork Development Board](#)

For more information, visit www.cpc-ccp.com/covid-19