

Advice from Durham Region Health Department for Agri-Business Sector*



- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations and communicate these to your staff and patrons.
- ✓ Public/private social/event gatherings are restricted to the gathering limits within the different public health measure steps set out by the **Province**.
- ✓ A safety plan, outlining how to protect staff and the public against COVID-19 within the facility must be made available upon request. A copy of the safety plan must be posted within the facility for viewing by staff and the public. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).
- ✓ For any events that are not part of the daily business operations (i.e. maple fest, Easter activities, culinary events, etc.), a safety plan must be submitted to the Durham Region Health Department at least 30 days for review.



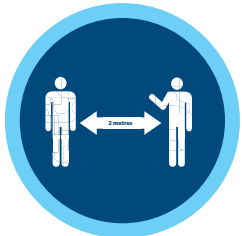
Post signs at all entrances directing those who are ill not to enter. Advise staff and patrons to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



The use of masks is mandatory for all staff and visitors when in an indoor enclosed public space. Masks are strongly recommended when outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Staff must wear personal protective equipment (medical mask and eye protection) indoors when they come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a mask and where there is no impermeable barrier in place. A face shield is not a substitute for a mask.



A policy must be in place for those entering enclosed public spaces including exemptions from wearing a mask.



Maintain physical distancing by keeping 2 metres apart between all individuals not in the same household.



Provide/install physical barriers and signage reminders (e.g. one-way directions, markings, plexiglass dividers, posting signs in high traffic areas, handwashing, physical distancing, etc.).



Prevent group gatherings and overcrowding within the facility. Adhere to the gathering/capacity restrictions set out by the **Province**. Facility's safety plan must address measures to prevent crowding on-site.



Remind staff to wash their hands before and after eating, using the washroom or changing gloves. Post handwashing posters at the stations. Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds where possible or use hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly soiled.



Ensure properly stocked and frequently cleaned and disinfected handwash and/or hand sanitizer stations are made available at the entrance and throughout the facility for everyone to wash/sanitize their hands as required (e.g. before and after interactive activities, sharing/distribution of materials/objects, etc.).



Attraction capacities are subject to **provincial restrictions** and should be monitored. Amusement rides should maintain a physical distancing of 2 metres between patrons and masks are required when unable to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres.



If activities are provided (e.g. mazes, interactive displays, etc.) create timed entries, ticket systems or schedules for patron use. Facility's safety plan must address measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission at interactive activities and amusement rides.



Have designated roles and responsibilities for staff (e.g. monitoring interactive activities, ensuring physical distancing is maintained, monitoring capacity limits, etc.).



Patron contact information may be required dependent on the activities provided on-site. Contact information to be maintained for 1 month if required for contact tracing purposes.



Screening must be implemented to ensure the health of the visitors, staff, volunteers, and essential visitors. All businesses are required to have active screening for all staff and volunteers. Screening logs must be maintained for 1 month and only disclosed when requested by the medical officer of health or an inspector under the Health Protection and Promotion Act. For detailed guidance visit the Ministry of Health's website [Ontario COVID-19 Screenings](#).

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

Items/equipment used during interactive activities must be cleaned and disinfected frequently. Some activities will require these items to be cleaned and disinfected after every use.

- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces/equipment frequently. Recommend cleaning and disinfection twice per day at a minimum while in operation. Use only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) approved by **Health Canada**. Maintain cleaning and disinfecting logs.
- Ensure all tools and bins/buckets used by staff and patrons are cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Washrooms provided for the public and staff must be cleaned and disinfected frequently. Washrooms must be properly maintained and equipped with adequate supplies at all times. Cleaning and disinfecting logs must be maintained.

