



COVID-19 Guidance Information for Farmers Agricultural Contractor/Agronomist/Field Officer/Consultant/Authorised Visitors

This guidance will help you determine if it is safe for a contractor, field officer, agronomist, consultant or authorised visitor to enter your farm, and to manage any visit.

Before contractor arrives:

- ✓ Consider if the work could be done by phone or online rather than on farm.
- ✓ Advise the person proposing a visit, that they are required to make direct contact with you prior to entering the farm to ensure you have an opportunity to consider and manage any COVID-19 risks.
- ✓ Determine the person's health status. Ask – do you feel well? Do you or anyone in your workplace or household have any symptoms of illness or any reason to suspect that you have been in contact with a COVID-19 infected person?

While contractor is on farm:

- ✓ Determine the contractor/visitor's health status before they enter the farm. Ask them if there has been any change since you arranged the visit prior to them entering the property.
- ✓ The contractor/visitor must keep a record of the date and time of the visit, and who they came in contact with during the visit.
- ✓ You should keep a record of people entering the farm.
- ✓ Follow COVID-19 safe distancing, handwashing and hygiene, and workplace cleaning advice.
- ✓ You should designate the specific work area that the person is permitted to access and any potential paddock risks.
- ✓ The contractor/visitor should advise you when their work is completed, and that they are leaving the farm.
- ✓ If you later find that the contractor/visitor may have had exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 on the farm, you should inform them as soon as possible.

Note: this information should be emailed or texted directly to the person proposing a visit prior to the visit occurring, reinforced at the time of entry to the farm and recorded.

All farm workplaces must comply with new COVID-19 Safe Workplaces Minimum Standards. WorkSafe Tasmania has developed agricultural guidelines, a checklist and COVID-19 Safety Plan to help you demonstrate this.

For more information: WorkSafe Tasmania: www.worksafe.tas.gov.au; State Government COVID19 www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au; Help for Agricultural Businesses www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/agriculture-covid

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