

COVID-19

Guidance: Temporary Foreign Workers

NOTE: Public Health is responsible for providing guidance to limit transmission and exposure to COVID-19 for Stage 3 implementation. *This guidance is accurate at the time of its revision (September 29, 2020) and is subject to change or be revised based on provincial guidance.

This document has been developed to support employers in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among temporary foreign workers.

What is my role as an employer of temporary foreign workers (TFWs)?

Owners and operators of farms, who employ temporary foreign workers (TFWs), must support and protect TFWs currently employed and living in housing provided by the farm owner/operator and TFWs who may arrive for work.

Arrival of TFWs from Outside Canada

Like all travellers, including Canadian citizens and permanent residents, TFWs entering Canada by air, land or sea **MUST**:

- have their health checked
- isolate for 14 days upon arrival in Canada

The 14-day isolation period is mandatory even if workers show no symptoms.

Lambton Public Health works to ensure suitable housing is provided for both domestic and foreign migrant workers to protect worker health and safety. Public health inspectors complete annual inspections to ensure owners of these homes follow Ontario Ministry of Health recommendations.

If an employer is planning to use an additional room in an existing accommodation, or an alternate accommodation, they must notify their fire department to ensure it meets the fire code and Lambton Public Health to ensure it meets with COVID-19 guidelines.

For any questions about seasonal housing or to schedule a seasonal housing inspection call the Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331.

Find out more about [Ontario's Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers](#).

Provide information sheets to employees about COVID-19.

- [Ontario government information sheets](#) in English and other languages
- [Public Health Ontario information sheets](#) about COVID-19 preventive steps in English and other languages.

Resources

[Government of Canada - Coronavirus Disease \(COVID 19\)](#)

[How to self-isolate](#)

[How to self-monitor](#)

[COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)

[How the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) is affecting immigration, refugees, citizenship and passport services](#)

[Self-isolation: Guide for caregivers, household members and close contacts](#)

[How to hand Wash](#)