



SADA UPDATE



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COVID-19: Be prepared...the risk hasn't gone away.

As the circumstances around COVID-19 continue to change, the dairy industry remains vigilant to protect its people and products. Whilst it is not mandatory for SA businesses to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place, the experiences in Victoria shows that infection rates can skyrocket very quickly, so it's important not to be complacent. Having a COVIDSafe Plan in place is recommended to help protect your farm business and staff.. Download a copy of the [COVIDSafe plan](#) guidance dairy processors (last updated 21 August 2020).

This document has been developed with specific regard to the requirements on businesses in Victoria, but most guidance, other than the described staffing reductions in high risk plans in Victoria, is applicable across Australia and has been developed with the input of state food safety regulators across Australia.

SafeWork Australia has some useful information on [managing workplaces during COVID-19](#).

In terms of being prepared, consider the following:

- Preparedness – have a plan
- Inform and continually update & educate staff on Covid-19
- Strict application and promotion of staff health controls & reporting illness
- Tracking and documenting staff movements & close contacts
- Restrict entry to the business ie have appropriate controls to monitor risk – infrared thermometer; appropriate sign-in and declaration of health status
- Consider how to reduce or eliminate close contact in shared workspaces
- Separation and clean-down in between staff breaks and shifts
- Use and availability of PPE
- Have plenty of messaging clearly visible on social distancing, hygiene, segregation • Social distancing in the workplace

For information regarding Primary Industries and COVID-19, including [all past industry updates](#), please visit PIRSA's [COVID-19 Primary Industries Portal](#).

For the most recent information on SA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic visit www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19. The Covid-19 Hotline for SA is: 1800 253 787.

As always, please contact one of the SADA team if we can assist with any aspect of your dairy business.