



COVID-19 SAFETY: BERRY FARM FAQ

Can my Upick and/or Pre-Pick fruit farm be open this summer?

- YES, under the current Province of Manitoba Public Health Order you can be open but the operator of the business must implement physical distancing measures to ensure that persons attending the place of business are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other persons who are attending the business and staff.
- Link to the **Media Background on COVID-19 In Manitoba:**
<https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html>

My business is included on the list of critical services; do I have to limit the number of people allowed in my store?

- *No, the 10 people maximum at a public gathering is intended for public events such as weddings, funerals or worship. However, businesses that are open to the public must implement measures to ensure that people attending are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two meters from each other.*

Note: this Question and Answer is taken directly from the list of FAQ's posted on the provincial site. For a full list of these Q&A please visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/soe.html>

Can COVID-19 be transmitted via food or food packages?

- Highly unlikely, CFIA states that there is currently no evidence that food or food packages can be a source or route of transmission of the virus. Therefore it is safe to provide cardboard berry boxes.

Do I need to take additional safety pre-cautions with my staff as a result of COVID-19.

- Yes, a summary of the guidelines and recommendations for best practices has been compiled for you in the following 2 documents: *MB Berry Farm Employer COVID-19 Guidelines & MB Berry Farm Worker COVID-19 Guidelines.*
- For a full list of provincial requirements please refer to the website: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/business/index.html#safehealthy>

Compiled by the Prairie Fruit Growers Association and MARD's Fruit Crops Program.



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Do I need to take additional safety pre-cautions with my customers as a result of COVID-19.

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