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11th August 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: FARMS COVID-19 PREVENTION PACK

You will be aware that we have recently experienced an outbreak of COVID-19 on a farm in Herefordshire. We would like to take this opportunity to provide support and guidance to help ensure your business is COVID secure. This will help protect your employees, ensure your business can continue through the pandemic, and help us prevent outbreaks and local lockdowns.

If you have a positive case within your workforce, any questions on latest guidance, or require further support please contact our Outbreak Control Hub on 01432 383799 or email outbreakcontrolhub@herefordshire.gov.uk

If you require specific health and safety advice please contact Health and Safety Executive by completing an online form at www.hse.gov.uk/contact/information-advice.htm or contacting 0300 003 1747.

We have included a few examples of the resources available to you. There is also a range of guidance, advice, posters and videos that can accessed at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/covid19farms

We recommend that you keep checking back on latest guidance, as the webpage is being updated regularly. You should also display the latest signs around your premises for your workers - especially if they live on site. Adhering to public health guidance, such as social distancing and washing your hands, will significantly reduce the risk of an outbreak within your establishment which would have a detrimental knock on effect to yourself and your workforce.

We know how challenging the last few months have been for our local businesses. Whilst the future remains uncertain, we aim to do everything we can to ensure that the economic and social conditions for recovery are as strong as possible.

Herefordshire Council has, in common with councils across the country, established an Outbreak Control Plan. Where there are local outbreaks of COVID-19, we must act promptly and effectively to contain them – or the infection may spread again, putting lives at risk. If those outbreaks involve large numbers of people, it may be necessary to close down buildings or wider locations in order to halt the spread of the infection. It is really important to emphasise that particular measures will only be taken where it is absolutely necessary to do so - and we will need your full support when these situations occur. View our Outbreak Control Plan online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/outbreakplan

I'd like to thank you for your continued commitment and all the vital work you do to support the UK food supply chain and local economy. Stay **safe Herefordshire**,

Yours sincerely



Karen Wright (Director of Public Health for Herefordshire) and the Outbreak Control Hub

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