



## **BC Fruit Picking & COVID-19: What You Need to Know**

*Staying Healthy and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19*

Welcome!

*Before you come to work for the BC cherry season, please consider the following tips to ensure you (and our local communities) stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic:*

- 1. Have a job arranged before you arrive in the area and know the starting date.**
- 2. Have safe accommodation lined up and be ready to spend the summer socially distancing.** If you plan to camp, be aware that not camping is permitted on Crown Land or provincial parks. If you cannot camp on-farm, or are between jobs, camping is available in Loose Bay (Secret Road in Oliver) and other designated areas (we will inform you as they become available).
- 3. Be self-sufficient.** Bring your own plates, cutlery, stove, etc.
- 4. Check into Loose Bay and take a COVID-19 training session: get certification.** Training sessions will be available at Loose Bay and other local sites. This shows growers that you are ready to work, and you know how to minimize COVID-19 risks.
- 5. Know how you will be travelling.** Hitchhiking and ride sharing is not recommended at this time. Local drivers will not pick you up.
- 6. Social distancing & hand-washing are essential.** This is the number one way to prevent the spread of infection. In BC, the public is committed to reducing COVID-19 risk by following the advice of the Provincial Health Officer. The BC public expects visitors to respect these rules too.
- 7. Respect local communities.** Do not go to the grocery store or laundromat as a group; go one at a time. Dogs must be on leash at all times or better yet leave your dog at home.
- 8. Large gatherings are prohibited.** (Example, St-Jean Baptiste) The Provincial Health Officer has banned gatherings and police will be strictly enforcing the law on COVID-19.
- 9. Limit your group to 6 people or fewer.** Health regulations do not allow more than 6 people to camp or work together as a group. Do not mix with other groups.



**10. No campfires permitted.**

**11. If you show any symptoms be prepared to isolate and call 811.** Keep track and be aware of people you come into contact with and places where you have been. Your attention could save lives.

**12. Have a safe place to go when you finish (or quit) at a farm.**

*For more information about COVID-19, how to protect yourself and what to do if you suspect you have the virus, visit: <http://www.bccdc.ca/covid19>*