



GENERAL MESSAGE

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Re: Ensure you have a COVID Plan in place

COVID-19 is a serious threat to a feedlot's business continuity. The new, more virulent COVID-19 Delta variant has caused disruptions in capital cities and now some regional areas. You are encouraged to follow directions from your relevant Health / Government Authority.

It is timely that all feedlots review their COVID business continuity plans.

ALFA reminds members of the COVID resources available to you via the [ALFA website](#).

These include the following Guides:

- [COVID-19 Guide for Feedlots](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for an Outbreak in the Feedlot Workplace](#)

To continue operating it is vital that feedlots do all they can to mitigate the risk of spread of the disease and any disruption to business continuity.

Feedlots are strongly encouraged to have preventative and contingency plans in place. It is strongly advised that contingency plans cover key operating functions in the event staff member/s are identified as COVID contacts or contract COVID and are required to quarantine – especially in critical parts of the business such as feeding and livestock.

Consider your staff rostering and, if possible, manage the roster based on autonomous skillset groups and keep those groups segregated to minimise risk. Consider practical things like staggered smoko breaks or separate areas for staff teams. Consider back up staff options, for example from other local businesses, or even partnering with other feedlot operators for staff resources in the event of an emergency.

Agricultural businesses continue to be deemed an essential service. ALFA continues to maintain dialogue with state departments about the importance feedlots play in the supply chain and the need for feedlots to be able to continue to operate for the welfare of livestock under their care.

Below are [key points to consider](#) for prevention and in the case of a potential COVID case:

- Ensure you have a COVID Plan in place for your business and that your Team is aware of it and understands it
- Review your Biosecurity Plan and ensure staff understand procedures
- Practice good hygiene and preventative measures
- Consider your staff rostering and, if possible, manage the roster based on autonomous skillset groups and keep those groups apart to minimise risk
- Staff resourcing and contingency planning
- Consider screening visitors and deferring non-essential visitors / contractors / suppliers
- Be mindful of where your staff may have travelled

If you require any support or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact ALFA directly on 02 9290 3700 or info@feedlots.com.au.

For the latest information in your state, the following links could be of assistance:

- [NSW Department of Primary Industries](#)
- [NT Government](#)
- [QLD Government](#)
- [SA Government - COVID-19 Hub](#)
- [TAS Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment](#)
- [VIC Government](#)
- [WA Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development](#)

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