



## GENERAL MESSAGE

7 August 2020

### COVID-19 resources for Victorian Feedlots

ALFA is well aware of the rapidly changing developments in Victoria in relation to COVID-19. Our thoughts are with our Victorian industry colleagues during this time. The safety and wellbeing of our feedlot community is top of mind.

[Stage 3 restrictions](#) apply throughout regional Victoria. [Stage 4 restrictions](#) are in place across metropolitan Melbourne. Feedlots are permitted to operate. Feedlots based in regional Victoria are subject to the Victorian State Government's Stage 3 restrictions.

#### COVID Safe Plan

Victorian State Government's '*Business Victoria*' is stating that it is mandatory for every workplace still operating in Victoria to have a COVID Safe Plan and you have until 11:59pm on Friday 7 August to prepare one. Failure to comply could result in an on the spot fine of up to \$9,913 and up to \$20,000 for serious offences. [Every employer must complete](#) their COVIDSAFE plan by 7 August 2020.

Below is a reminder of resources available to you via the [ALFA website](#) designed to help keep you up to date on operational requirements:

- [COVID-19 Guide for Feedlots](#) (updated 12 June 2020)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for an Outbreak in the Feedlot Workplace](#)

['Business Victoria'](#) also has useful information on creating a COVID Safe workplace.

There is also requirements for all Victorians to wear a face covering when they leave home, no matter where they live. Information can be found [here](#).

#### Processing Sector and Livestock Scheduling

The Victorian State Government's decision to reduce working capacity of all Victorian abattoirs come into effect later today. This decision is likely to disrupt livestock scheduling for slaughter. You are encouraged to speak with your processor/s regarding these developments and work constructively with them to schedule livestock accordingly to minimise disruptions.

ALFA is in contact with Agriculture Victoria. As developments occur we will keep you informed. ALFA has raised with Agriculture Victoria the unique nature of feedlots and the need for them to keep operating for animal welfare purposes; keeping in mind the priority goal of the safety and wellbeing of our feedlot community. Importantly, livestock related business continue to be recognised as essential service and are permitted to keep operating.

All Australian feedlots are encouraged to continue their efforts in stringent maintenance of on-feedlot hygiene standards and social distancing requirements.

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

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