

**To:** CanadaGAP Program Participants

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**Subject:** COVID-19 AAFC Absenteeism Survey – deadline April 24

It has been reported that absenteeism may continue to be a challenge for many in the food industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly (but not exclusively) in food processing businesses.

To get an indication of the extent of absenteeism and its impacts, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is seeking input from the food and beverage sector through an anonymous Employee Absenteeism survey for the week of March 29-April 4, 2020. The window to respond has been extended until Friday, April 24 in order to collect a more representative sample and allow completion of the surveys. If you've already completed the survey, thank you very much for your input. If you haven't completed it, please find the link below:

## Employee Absenteeism Survey - English

Follow up surveys will be conducted throughout the pandemic to determine the scale and impact of this issue.

## Questions?

If you would like more information about the survey or should you encounter a technical difficulty, please contact: aafc.por-rop.aac@canada.ca.

Thank you very much for your collaboration and please stay healthy.

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