

Temporary Foreign Workers – Farms and Agriculture
Health Card Processing

April 15, 2020

Dear Farm or Producer,

In direct response to COVID-19, the Ministry of Health (MOH), in partnership with ServiceOntario, has temporarily removed the requirement for in-person site visits for health card applications for temporary farm workers.

All appointments made through our Appointment Booking Unit at 1-888-376-5197, or email address MFW.MOH@ontario.ca, have been cancelled. These channels remain available for further inquiries.

Instead, health card registrations and renewals should be sent via mail to:

ServiceOntario Hamilton
119 King St. West, 4th Floor
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y7

When completing the forms, as proof of residency for the worker, please indicate the full address of the farm/producer on the registration form.

New health cards will be sent through the mail to the farm's address. Note that the health cards may not bear photographs or signatures. Transaction records will not be issued.

At this time, there will be no waiting period for Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage. This is a temporary measure for non-SAWP [non-Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP)] workers.

In emergency situations, regarding any issues with health coverage, please contact the consulate or worker program directly.

For your reference, attached to this letter is **Appendix A: Health Card Application Procedure for Farm Workers**.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

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For farm workers to obtain a new Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) health card, or renew health coverage, send copies of documents and completed forms to the ServiceOntario Hamilton Office.

The specific documents to be mailed or faxed are:

1. Proof of Citizenship or Eligible Status document

For workers under Federal Government's Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP):

- Work Permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Canadian Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
 - Stating CCSAWP in the employer section; or
 - Case Type 98 with an expiration date of December 15, 2020 and a country of citizenship listed as Mexico, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, or Trinidad and Tobago.

For all Non-SAWP Temporary Foreign Workers:

- Work Permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Canadian Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
 - Stating the Ontario farm name in the employer section; and
 - Identifying worker's occupation (farming, agriculture, labourer, etc.)

2. The previous health card number, or photocopy of the health card (if applicable)

3. A completed Seasonal Agricultural Workers Registration for Ontario Health Coverage – Form 3715-82

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=1&ENV=WWE&TIT=seasonal+agricult&NO=014-3715-82E>

SAWP workers are given this form upon entry into Canada; however, depending upon their consulate, it may contain a "migrant farm worker" sticker in the residence section.

For non-SAWP temporary foreign workers, please print and complete **"Registration for Ontario Health Coverage" - Form # 0265-82** from the link below:

<http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?openform&ENV=WWE&NO=014-0265-82>

4. **Passport, or other photo identification**