



Information to our employees and members regarding the corona situation.

Contact with food-producing animals

Available information as of today indicates that the corona virus poses no danger to the health of the animals in Norway. However, the [Veterinary Institute](#) recommends that people who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus do not have contact with food-producing animals. A farmer who is not infected and are in quarantine at home, can according to current regulations work with the animals as normal. It is recommended to be extra careful after returning from abroad. Normal routines should of course be followed if you have been in contact with [animal husbandry abroad](#).

General infection prevention

It is always important to follow the current advice of the authorities at all times, for all of us. Updated advice can be found on the [The Institute of Public Health's website](#). Good hand hygiene and general infection prevention measures are important.

Our offer

We will do our utmost to have available agricultural substitute/reliever, but cannot promise that we can resolve all inquiries if the scope becomes large. We encourage our members to also connect with colleagues or others who can help. Restrictions on travel have been introduced, which will lead to problems accessing labour from abroad in connection with seasonal work. Everyone who comes to Norway must be in quarantine for 14 days and is not allowed to go to work.

In the Institute of Public Health's overview of critical social functions, food supply is part of what lies under the security of supply. This will then apply to the farmer, the agricultural substitutes/emergency replacements and other key personnel in the agricultural service. This will have an impact on the municipalities' duty to provide assistance in connection with kindergartens and schools being closed. There are no central guidelines for implementing this, so this must be addressed directly with the kindergarten/school or municipality. This applies if both parents or a single parent are employed in a critical social function.

After general advice, the office is closed, but we have established home office. You will reach us as usual by phone and email, but we are not available for visits. We want as many people as possible to deliver timesheets electronically or scan them in and send by email.

All physical meetings arranged by the agricultural service have been canceled/postponed, and we are looking for ways to implement these digitally.

We follow the current government guidelines at any time and recommend our employees and members to do the same.

You will find updated information on our website as when there is news.



Norske Landbrukstenester

What do we expect from our employees?

- Go to work as normal and according to plan, as long as both you and the farmer, with family, are not in a situation where there is a suspicion of outbreaks of coronavirus.
- Inform us immediately in case you suspected infection with coronavirus or get quarantined.
- Contact us before going to a farm where infection with coronavirus may be suspected.
- Good hand hygiene, that is, washing hands when you arrive at the farm, before starting work, often several times during work, after contact with surfaces and animals, after work is done and when leaving the farm. Recommended procedure for hand washing can be found [here](#). It is recommended to use soap and water. Alternatively, antibac can be used, but this does not help on dirty hands. It is important to try to avoid contact with the face, while at work. Disposable gloves can be a supplement or an option. We will try to equip employees with antibac and disposable gloves as far as possible.
- Change your work clothes for each farm you're working on. Work clothes should also be often washed. Please contact us if this is a problem.
- There should be no contact with people on the farm when there is a confirmed infection of coronavirus. Communication should then take place by phone. Always keep minimum 1 meter distance when you meet others.
- It is prohibited to travel abroad for our employees. This will at least last until the 14th of April.

What do we expect from our members?

- Notify us if outbreaks or suspicions of outbreaks with coronavirus occur on the farm.
- Use your reliever according to the plan as long as there is no suspicion of outbreaks of coronavirus by either you or the reliever. Give us notice if the reliever gets quarantined.
- Be sure to have updated contingency plans for the farm. See information from the [Norwegian Farmers' Association](#).
- Make sure that soap dispensers are filled at all times so that good hand hygiene can be maintained.
- Wash and thoroughly disinfect surfaces before and after your own and others visits to the barn, to prevent any infection both ways.
- If you or others at the farm have been infected with coronavirus, our employees are forbidden to have physical contact and all contact should be by phone. Always keep minimum 1 meter distance when you meet others..
- Have workwear available for those going into the barn.
- Let go of your own reliever that is used to relieve for holiday/leisure if there is acute need for relieve during illness.

We all have a responsibility to do our utmost to limit infection in this situation. Agriculture plays an important role in keeping the community going. It is important that we all is aware of the responsibility we have and works to keep our good reputation.



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