

## SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

# Manitoba

### **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OHS Enforcement**

Jul 16: Since April 1, 2023, Manitoba has carried out 1,752 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 116 Stop Work Orders and 3,705 Improvement Orders. There were also 2 reported OHS work refusals and 11 alleged reprisals.

**Action Point:** Implement an [OHS inspections policy](#) in case inspectors show up at your door

#### **Infectious Illnesses**

Aug 3: The federal government is providing nearly \$1 million to the Manitoba Pork Council to help the industry prepare for the possibility that African swine fever will enter Canada. The Council will use the money to bolster efforts to control wild pigs, develop a response plan and promote industry awareness and adoption of infection control best practices.

**Action Point:** Use the [OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to prevent infectious illnesses at your workplace

#### **New Laws**

Jul 23: Manitoba announced that it will implement a new process to make building permit decisions faster, simpler and more transparent. The regulations, which will take effect on March 1, 2024, also establish a new mechanism for resolving building permit appeals and disputes.

#### **Workplace Violence**

Jul 25: Manitoba and the federal government signed a bilateral agreement aimed at eliminating gender-based violence under which the province will receive \$22.3 million from Ottawa over 4 years to implement the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence in Manitoba.

**Action Point:** Use the extensive resources on the OHSI [Workplace Violence Compliance Center](#) to protect your workers from violence and harassment