

# **LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Emergency Response**

Jul 10: Manitoba declared a provincewide state of emergency for the second time this year. Wildfires have already consumed more than 10 times the number of hectares in 2025, as compared to an average fire season. The latest state of emergency will remain in effect for 30 days unless the government extends it.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a Wildfire Smoke Protection Game Plan to quard your workers against smoke exposure, both indoors and outdoors.

### **OHS Enforcement**

Aug 3: Since April 1, 2025, Manitoba has carried out 2,536 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 186 Stop Work Orders and 5,223 Individual Improvement Orders. There were also 4 reported OHS work refusals and 28 alleged reprisals. **Action Point:** Find out how to implement an OHS inspections policy in case inspectors show up at your door.

### **Infectious Illness**

Aug 8: Manitoba health officials are continuing to keep a close eye on the measles situation. The most recent reported exposure site was in the waiting room of the Boundary Trails Health Centre Emergency Department in Winkler.

**Action Point:** Find out how to use the <u>OHS Insider Infection Exposure Control Plan</u> template to guard against measles, COVID and other potential infectious illness outbreaks at your workplace.

### **Industry Challenges**

Jul 23: The federal and provincial governments approved 19 food processors in Manitoba to receive a cumulative total of over \$6 million in Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership funding for equipment upgrades, facility expansions and new technologies.

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Jul 23: The Governments of Canada and Manitoba announced new measures to support Manitoba livestock producers affected by drought conditions. For the first time in 4 years, the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation will apply a quality adjustment factor to reduce yield appraisals by 40% for drought-stricken cereal crops (all varieties of wheat, oats, barley, fall rye, triticale and grain corn) that are converted to livestock feed. Changes for producers with Agrilnsurance coverage on forage and pastures include deferred premium deductions on payments for forage insurance claims made before Oct. 1, partial claim payments on forage insurance and pasture days insurance claims and the ability for livestock to graze on insured forages after the first cut without impact on claim calculation.

#### **Environmental**

Jul 25: Manitoba launched a <u>public survey</u> seeking input on its "roadmap" to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The government said that the consultations will continue through the fall but didn't specify a deadline.