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Continuing to support our primary industries

The health and safety of Tasmanians remains our top priority as we continue to recover from COVID-19.

I can confirm that we have strong and robust processes in place for those entering our state to undertake seasonal work for the upcoming season. The new arrangements have been prepared under advice from Public Health.

Seasonal workers must not have spent time in an affected region or premises in the 14 days prior to their arrival and it's a condition of entry to Tasmania that these workers participate in health screening on arrival.

They will be required to operate under strict conditions on their movement for 14 days while staying in their primary place of residence unless going to work, seeking medical care or essential supplies.

There will be stringent COVID-Safe processes as part of the sector's COVID-Safe workplace plans, and WorkSafe is actively working with the sector to ensure appropriate processes are in place and in line with public health advice.

Comprehensive guidelines* have been communicated to industry to ensure employers are clearly aware of their obligations to keep their workers and the community safe and WorkSafe will be inspecting both workplaces and worker accommodation sites to ensure compliance and assist where possible.

Well done to everyone involved in our primary industries for their proactivity and willingness to work with public health and Worksafe to achieve this positive outcome.

We've always said we want as many locals as possible to fill these jobs and I continue to urge Tasmanians in need of work to roll the sleeves up, jump online and apply.

The results of our local jobs campaign so far has been very positive, with over 4,000 jobs now on the Harvest Trail website and over 17,000 views on the Harvest Jobs website.

To find out more information on harvest work opportunities that are available now and over the coming months, visit <https://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/harvest-jobs>

* https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/569338/COVID-Safe-Workplace-Guidelines-Agriculture.pdf
