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### SaskMilk Statement Concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic

SaskMilk, along with Dairy Farmers of Canada, is closely monitoring the Covid-19 situation. Food, as an essential service, takes these issues very seriously and we are responding to Covid-19 by increasing our preparedness and protecting our supply chain.

SaskMilk, Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Canadian Dairy Commission, and other provincial dairy boards are working proactively with other industry stakeholders on a coordinated response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Measures being taken include:

- Encouraging farmers to follow all advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada and other authorities, including cancelling all non-essential farm visits to prevent human-to-human transmission of the virus and asking producers who exhibit symptoms or test positively for COVID-19 to self-isolate in accordance with guidance from public health officials.
- Working with dairy-industry stakeholders including transporters, processors and other relevant federal government agencies and ministries (Public Health Agency of Canada, Health Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Public Safety) to ensure ongoing supply of dairy products.

Consumers can be confident in the quality and safety of the Canadian milk supply.

This remains a fluid situation and the dairy industry will adapt its response or implement any additional preventative measures required by public health officials as necessary as the full impact of the outbreak becomes known.