

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

RECIPIENTS: Staff, contractual employees, board of directors, and Quebec Holstein clubs  
SENDER: Valérie Tremblay  
DATE: 25 March 2020  
SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Pandemic – Update from your Association**

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As of March 25, and until April 13, as requested by Premier François Legault, the Holstein Québec office will be closed to comply with the closure of all nonessential businesses and show our solidarity with the population in reducing the spread of this virus. The safety of our members and our employees is of utmost importance to us, and Holstein Québec wishes to demonstrate its social responsibility and accountability to the community.

Accordingly, our team is currently teleworking, which means that we are providing our services and operations by remote access only. No visits will take place until further notice. We applaud the efforts and dedication of our dairy producers, you who are working tirelessly even in this time of crisis, and we sincerely hope that you remain in good health. You are ensuring that Quebecers continue to be fed and we support you in your efforts and are extremely proud to represent you. Thank you!

The Holstein Québec team is working remotely but we continue to provide services (advisory, information transfer, communication and networking services) to our members through our Internet site and social media. Our work schedules have been adapted to address the needs of work and family, but our team remains available to answer emails and telephone calls. If we are unable to take your call, rest assured that we check our messages regularly and will return your calls as soon as possible.

We invite you to contact us by email to share your concerns and questions regarding the current situation.

### **Important decisions regarding the May issue of *La Revue*, the Judging Conference and the Fitting School**

Holstein Québec has assessed its spring activities and it is clear that it would be difficult to organize these events under the present circumstances in which the future remains unknown and without being sure that we will be able to hold these events. Other reasons contributed to this decision, including the uncertain availability of the facilities, the difficulty in promoting the events, and the closure of the printing facility for *La Revue*. We will stand by our sponsors and are committed to providing them with optimum visibility.

We regret the cancellation of these events and the publication of the May issue of *La Revue*.

We hope you stay safe and healthy – it's what matters most!

I invite you to consult the websites below for more information:

- 1- CNESST : <https://www.cnesst.gouv.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/covid-19-info-en/Pages/covid-19.aspx>
- 2- [www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/](http://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/) - the reference for instructions and measures taken by the Government of Quebec.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Valérie Tremblay, agr.  
General Director