



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE INVISIBLE RISK

Support for implementing plant-specific infectious disease management plans at Australian red meat processor plants under AMPC's PIP program.

Empowering red meat processors to be capable of dealing with significant events, such as an infectious disease outbreak, is essential for the long-term viability of the industry. Recent events in Australia have shown that sudden COVID-19 outbreaks across States have led to swift shutdowns and enforced isolations. Businesses need to act now to protect themselves from the very real invisible risk that the virus poses.

ARE YOU PREPARED?



AMPC, in collaboration with Respond Global and Response Group, are encouraging its members to be prepared and put robust risk management frameworks in place now to mitigate the potential impact of outbreaks on their businesses and the industry in general.

Protect your workforce, your reputation, and critically Australia's enviable position within the international red meat industry and be ready to respond when and if you need to.

Support for implementing plant-specific infectious disease management plans, including vaccination support, is provided through AMPC's Plant Initiated Project (PIP) program.

The PIPs are designed to support plants and their respective facilities to implement a COVID-Safe framework that meets the expectations of the relevant regulatory departments but minimises the regulatory costs and burden to the company.



STAY SAFE, STAY OPEN, BE READY

PIP OBJECTIVES

- Build local readiness and resilience to be able to prepare for, respond to and recover from a significant infectious disease outbreak.
- Develop and implement plant-specific infectious disease management plans and operational protocols, including support to implement vaccination programs onsite.
- Establish capacity to enable plants to take responsibility for staff welfare and business continuity.
- Meet the requirements of state and federal governments, public health departments, and industry auditory bodies.

PIP OUTCOMES

- **Expert review:** a comprehensive review of existing infectious disease response documentation combined with a rigorous site assessment, with expert advice to enhance or amend protocols where needed.
- **Science-based & plant-specific:** redesign and/or further development of response plans and protocols as needed, plus delivery of an updated risk management strategy specific to your facility.
- **Readiness test:** Pressure test/simulation to gauge current level of readiness (do your protocols work and can you respond effectively?), in conjunction with your local public health authority.
- **Better adaptability:** understand when to escalate and to de-escalate protocols to stay ahead of the disease risk in your local area.
- **Onsite vaccinations:** encourage your workforce to get vaccinated through plant-specific risk communication plans and support to carry out vaccinations onsite.
- **Practical tools:** a traffic light response system, supported by practical response mechanisms, including a staff handbook, that will also act as a guidebook for your State's public health authority.
- **Bespoke training:** delivery of plant-specific training, including StepIn Leadership for senior management.
- **Ongoing support:** regular disease risk updates and webinars to help you cut through the noise, plus support via the Respond Global COVID-Ready portal.

COSTS

The total cost to plants will be dependent on the breadth of support that they require (selected from the Outcomes above) – plants are eligible for the AMPC PIP program as per the standard terms and conditions.

Additional support for plants

The PIP is supported by the following AMPC core program projects that are available to all members:

- COVID Marshal training, specific to the red meat processing industry
- online staff training and display materials (available July 2021)
- Two new units of competency as part of the Business Continuity Planning course (available July 2021),
- A nationally supported industry-wide infectious disease management plan (March 2022).

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

For further information and to register your participation please contact either your AMPC Co-Innovation Manager or Amanda Carter, AMPC People & Culture Program Manager, at a.carter@ampc.com.au or 0429658124.