

Recommendations for STAFF on

Greenhouse Hygiene Measures



Limit visitors



Restrict access



Follow hygiene protocols



Follow site's washing & disinfection protocol



Inspect plants regularly

! KEY ADVICE:

- Vigilance – ensure all staff are aware of plant virus symptoms and report anything unusual.
- Establish good hygiene practices and processes. **START CLEAN – STAY CLEAN.**
- Limit visitor access.
- If something looks wrong, report to MPI 0800 80 99 66 and get it tested.



Wash your hands thoroughly before and after visiting the site and spend plenty of time on the disinfection mat (simply walking over it is not enough). Make sure everything you take into the greenhouse is disinfected.



Wear either disposable coveralls and shoes/boots, or assigned clothing that is regularly laundered (60 C plus with oxy laundry powder) and that is specific to sites or compartments. Different colour clothes could be assigned to different parts of the site, especially if disease is present. Shower and change entire work gear before entering uninfected areas again during the same day.



Only work in one greenhouse section on any one day. If you do need to cross over into another section, repeat the procedure that applies when entering the greenhouse. The same applies when leaving and re-entering the greenhouse, for example after visiting the canteen.



Tool hygiene: have at least two sets of tools that can be switched out and disinfected with each row. Use fresh gloves for each row. Disinfect tools and gloved hands between each plant.



Inspect the plants regularly, and if you notice anything unusual about a plant, report it immediately to MPI (0800 80 99 66).



When taking samples, make sure all sampled material is double-packed. Disinfect the outside of the packaging.



Follow the site's instructions on the wearing of workwear when leaving the greenhouse. Wash your hands and disinfect your shoes. Take off any disposable coverings and dispose of these and any plastic bags that have been used.



Do not visit any other tomato farms or sites on days when you are at your employer's farm or site. Do not bring plant material or fruit onto the farm, including tomatoes from elsewhere in a packed lunch.



Only use disposable paper tissues and dispose of them immediately after use. Do not put tissues in your pocket.



Do not take a mobile phone, laptop or pen and paper with you into the greenhouse. If you need to take a phone with you into the greenhouse, make sure it is in a sealed and disinfected plastic cover. Disinfect any items you have taken into the greenhouse prior to exiting.



No jewellery or watches may be worn in the greenhouse. Glasses should be cleaned with a disinfectant wipe before you enter the greenhouse.

What can I do at my greenhouse?

Strict hygiene measures are the only way to prevent an infection, and minimise spread. Set up and follow a greenhouse hygiene and disinfection protocol for staff and visitors, and minimise who can go into the greenhouse.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact us on 0508 467 869 or visit our website www.tomatoesnz.co.nz/biosecurity/. If you think something looks wrong in your greenhouse please contact MPI on 0800 80 99 66.