

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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A Reminder to Sign Up for BMWS License Renewal

This a reminder that appointments are still available for the statewide bulk milk weigher and sampler (BMWS) inspections scheduled in August and September.

If your BMWS license expires at the end of September 2020, you are required to sign up for an inspection at one of the fairground locations, as we no longer make individual appointments. We will be taking precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19, including the use of face coverings, social distancing and handwashing. Other precautions include:

- Requiring all BMWS to wear a face covering during the inspections. Please bring your own, if at all possible.
- Allowing only one BMWS inside the milk house at one time.
- Asking each BMWS to contact the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) if they test positive for COVID-19 within the two weeks following of their inspection. We may need to conduct contact tracing to ensure others are aware of potential exposure. Please also make sure to cancel your inspection if you are ill and/or have tested positive for the virus.
- Using sanitizers and disposable paper towels to wipe down shared touch surfaces after each inspection. This includes wiping down sink faucets, doorknobs, the caps on the bulk tank and hose, the manhole cover, the portion of the measuring stick that is held by the BMWS, and any other common surface that is touched during the inspection.

In order to renew your BMWS license, you must have had an inspection within the past two years. If you need an inspection, you can <u>sign up online</u>.

Locations, dates and times are listed below. Appointments are 15-minute intervals and you **must schedule your appointment at least five days in advance**. If you have questions contact environmental health supervisors Jackie Owens at (608) 234-3120; Jim Pikka at (715) 610-4513; or Tyson Villarreal at (920) 342-7256.

