AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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Here are some guidelines for safeguarding agricultural workers during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic



TALK ABOUT THE VIRUS

Discuss with employees common symptoms and ways to prevent spread of COVID-19 virus Encourage employees to ask questions Post information in common areas employees frequent (Example: break rooms, bathrooms)

Symptoms:



- Fever/Cough/Difficulty breathing
- Symptoms can vary. Infections can go from being asymptomatic in one person (no symptoms shown) or extreme in another, even causing death.

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VIRUS MOVEMENT IN FARMS/NURSERIES

The incubation time varies from 2 to 14 days

Virus spreads mainly from person-to-person:

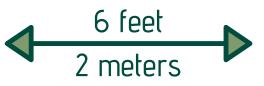


· When an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks

A person may also get the virus by touching a contaminated surface or object and then touching their own nose, mouth or eyes.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY





Coronavirus (COVID-19) DOESN'T have a vaccine If possible, allow some employees to work remotely (accountant, secretary)

In the case of essential farmworkers (Example: scouts or growers):

- Promote social distancing practices: (6 feet or 2 meters) between individuals
- Encourage employees to cover coughs/sneezes
- Tell employees to stay home if they are sick
- Postpone work meetings until further notice.

HAND WASHING STATION

- Set up routine cleaning and disinfection at work
- Establish hand-wash station(s) in each operation
- Promote frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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