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## Checklist<sup>(1)</sup> for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Migrant Labor Camps

### Maintain a Healthy Workforce

*The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person-to-person and is highly contagious. Notify your local public health department of individuals infected with COVID-19 or exhibiting symptoms and allow them to rest.*

- Create a plan for screening workers for COVID-19 as they leave the housing facility for work and before getting on shared transportation and explain this plan verbally in the appropriate languages.**
  - Establish criteria for recommending further action (e.g., COVID-19 testing, quarantine, transportation to health care facility): currently, temperature > 100.4, symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, chills, unexplained muscle pains, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. These criteria are subject to change as more information becomes available.
  - Establish a screening protocol and identify an individual responsible for screening workers.
  - Identify and develop a strategy with the nearest health care facility to provide testing and advice, including Federally Qualified Health Centers and other free/affordable healthclinics.
- Clearly communicate your plan and the symptoms used for screening to workers.**
  - Inform workers they have access to free medical care for COVID-19 related testing and treatment and will be referred to a local health care provider if they present symptoms.
  - Ask workers to remain home from work if they begin to experience symptoms.
  - Inform workers they will be required to follow a quarantine protocol if they exhibit symptoms or test positive.
- Screen and monitor workers as they leave their housing for work each day, and throughout the day, in the event symptoms emerge.**
  - Appoint an individual to monitor ill or exposed workers' symptoms and to call 911 if a person develops chest pain or difficulty breathing.
  - Notify your local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health if a worker exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Migrant Labor Camp licensees must contact the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health, at **(217) 782-5830** within 24 hours of being notified a worker living at their housing facility experiences symptoms of COVID-19.

## **Implement Increased Sanitation and Hygiene Practices**

*Good sanitation and personal hygiene are critical to minimizing exposure to COVID-19.*

- Increase frequency and scope of cleaning/disinfecting in housing facilities, transportation/buses, and worksites using product from list N for the applicable amount of wet contact time.**  
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
  - Frequently clean and sanitize restrooms, eating spaces, and other frequently touched areas, including doorknobs/handles, water jug spigots, chairs, benches, tables, and trashcans.
  - Sanitize utensils, tools, and equipment between uses and instruct workers not to share.
  
- Ensure adequate supplies of soap, water, and disposable towels are available to workers for more frequent handwashing.**
  - Make hand sanitizer and/or handwashing stations available at housing facilities, on transportation/buses, and at worksites.
  
- Allow time for handwashing throughout the day, including at the beginning, during, and the end of a shift, and before and after meal breaks.**
  - Instruct workers on frequent handwashing (20 seconds with soap and water)
  - Remind workers to cough/sneeze into their elbows and avoid touching their faces and eyes

## **Implement and Promote Social Distancing (at least six feet)**

*It is critical to maintain adequate social distance to help minimize exposure to COVID-19.*

- Housing Facilities and Sleeping Arrangements**
  - In dormitory or barrack-style housing, separate beds by at least six feet.
  - Workers should sleep head-to-toe.
  - Ensure increased ventilation in housing facilities.
  - Provide personal protective equipment, such as cotton face coverings, to be worn in shared spaces.
  - Use a tape measure or measuring stick to demonstrate the six-foot distance.
  
- Transportation**
  - Ensure workers can sit at least six feet apart, even if this requires additional transport or reduces productivity.
  - Stagger start times or workdays to ensure social distancing on transportation.
  - Provide adequate time and space for workers to get into and out of transporting vehicles.
  - Allow transportation to obtain necessary supplies and services for health and safety.
  
- Agricultural Work Sites**
  - Stagger tasks and work shifts; reorganize work, break up tasks to facilitate social distancing.
  - Provide radios for workers to communicate without having to come together.
  - Ensure adequate shade areas for breaks and meals with minimum distance of six feet between

people.

- Advise workers to avoid social greetings such as handshakes, hugs, and fist or elbow bumps; encourage waves and smiles instead.
- Hold meetings and trainings in small groups so workers can maintain six feet distance from others and still hear the speaker.
- Monitor and remind workers of this protocol throughout their shifts.

### **Establish a Plan for Quarantining Symptomatic Workers in Alternate Housing**

- Determine where to house workers with COVID-19 symptoms.**
  - Establish alternate housing facilities for people with COVID-19 symptoms; they should be housed in a separate room with a separate bathroom.
  - Make sure to have enough food, water, and supplies for quarantined workers so they can remain safely in the separate facility for the duration of the quarantine period.
  - Ensure quarantined workers have access to medical care.
  - Ensure housing, including alternate housing facilities, has proper and regular ventilation.
- Coordinate with local public health department, IDPH, and health care facility.**
- Display Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other educational materials in English, Spanish, or other languages as necessary.**

Reference: 1. Adapted from: "Coronavirus/COVID-19 Agricultural Worksite Checklist," UC Davis Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, [aghealth.ucdavis.edu/covid19](http://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/covid19); Community Health Partnership of Illinois Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidelines for Agricultural Workers and Their Employers;