Coronavirus/COVID-19 Agricultural Worksite Checklist*

Maintain a Healthy Workforce

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Individuals infected with COVID-19 and those exhibiting any of these symptoms should not work. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person-to-person contact and is highly contagious.

Create a plan for screening workers for COVID-19 symptoms when they arrive at work
- Establish reasons for sending someone home (e.g., those with one, two, or three of the primary symptoms)
- Identify who will be responsible for screening workers
- Send workers home who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or any other company-specific criteria

Clearly communicate your plan and the symptoms you will be screening for to workers
- Inform workers that they must stay home if they are suffering from these symptoms
- Ask workers to inform their supervisor immediately if they begin to feel symptoms while at work

Observe workers for symptoms as they arrive to work and throughout the day in the event symptoms emerge
- Send workers who have symptoms home and advise them to call their health care provider

Sanitation & Hygiene

Good sanitation and personal hygiene can help minimize exposure to COVID-19.

Increase cleaning and sanitizing of restrooms, tools, equipment, and other frequently touched areas, including doorknobs/handles, water jug spigots, chairs, benches, tables, working surfaces, and trash cans
- Ensure adequate supplies of soap, water, and disposable towels for more frequent handwashing
- Make hand sanitizer stations available where needed
- Instruct workers on handwashing (20 seconds with soap and water)
- Allow time for handwashing throughout the day, including at the beginning, during, and the end of their shift, and before and after meal breaks
- Remind workers to cough and sneeze into their elbows and avoid touching their faces and eyes
- Instruct workers not to share tools and equipment and/or to sanitize them between uses

Social Distancing

It is critical to maintain adequate social distance (six (6) feet) to help minimize exposure for the safety of all.

- Use a tape measure or measuring stick to demonstrate the 6-foot distance
- Advise workers to avoid social greetings such as handshakes, hugs, and fist or elbow bumps; encourage waves and smiles instead
- Provide adequate time and space for workers to clock in at the beginning of their shift while maintaining a safe distance from each other
- Hold meetings and trainings in small groups so workers can maintain 6 feet of distance between each other and still hear the speaker
- When in fields, orchards, vineyards, or packing houses, each worker should maintain a minimum of 6 feet from each other at all times
  - Stagger workers over and within rows
  - Adjust product flow for adequate inspection or sorting with fewer workers on the line
- Provide space to allow workers to maintain a 6-foot distance from others during rest and meal periods
- Monitor and remind workers to maintain a 6-foot distance throughout their shift

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