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**To:** Colusa County Agricultural Community

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**Re:** COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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While the State of California and Colusa County are under a Shelter-in-Place Order, these Orders include exceptions, and continue to classify farming, food processing and distribution operations, and their support businesses, as essential. With farming season permissible and in full swing, Colusa County Public Health wants to make sure you have the information, tools, and resources that you need to maintain a healthy workforce during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Registration procedures at the Migrant Housing Complex have been modified to adhere to current COVID-19 Orders and guidance, and to educate migrant workers and their families on measures to prevent spread of the disease. These measures continue to include physical distancing, cleansing of hands, equipment, and surfaces, sheltering in place, and wearing face coverings when conducting essential business or activities (including working). Colusa County Public Health has provided resource materials to support this initial education effort, and Ampla Health is partnering to provide services for those experiencing symptoms. In addition, the Migrant Housing Complex has set aside units to support isolation for any individual experiencing symptoms upon arrival. This initial interaction and education is the first step in mitigating potential spread in the agricultural community.

We need your help with the next step... As an employer, it is critical that you remain vigilant in both communicating the symptoms of COVID-19, and keeping an eye out for possible infection. These symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle aches, and sore throats, and can range in severity. Individuals experiencing these symptoms should immediately isolate, and seek medical support.

CAL-OSHA has released specific guidance on [COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Agricultural Employers and Employees](#) highlighting employee training, procedures to help prevent COVID-19 spread at the worksite, procedures to increase physical distancing, and details on good sanitation practices. We encourage you to reference this valuable resource, and take the time to update your Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) to include preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

In addition, the Colusa County Public Health Division remains ready to address any issues, questions, or concerns related to COVID-19, and is available to provide specific guidance, recommendations, and assistance with isolated lodging ([colusacovid19@countyofcolusa.com](mailto:colusacovid19@countyofcolusa.com)).

We thank you for your diligence in protecting the lives and welfare of the Colusa County community.

### **Resources**

- Colusa County Public Health Flyer: Attached
- California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety & Health (CAL-OSHA) Safety and Health Guidance: COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Agricultural Employers and Employees: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Agriculture.pdf>
- Colusa County Public Health Division: <https://www.countyofcolusa.org/99/Public-Health>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) in California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>