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SPECIAL **COVID-19 UPDATE**
FROM YOUR TEAM AT AAMSI



AAMSI Update on COVID-19 Situation

AAMSI continues in our effort to streamline communications in this busy time for us all. We know that many groups are sharing information and our goal is to be helpful rather than duplicative. Toward that end, we have created this general newsletter that is coming directly from AAMSI rather than sending multiple newsletters to the many associations we represent. We hope you are receiving these in a timely manner.

Our offices remain open with minimal staffing. If you need to contact us, please call the office number and leave a message if no one answers. Also, feel free to reach out to staff directly via mobile phone or email.

Department of Homeland Security Travel Restriction for Mexico Exempts Farm Workers

U.S. and Mexican officials have mutually determined that non-essential travel between the United States and Mexico poses additional risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19. Beginning at midnight March 20, land ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexican border suspended normal operations and process for entry will be allowed only to those travelers engaged in "essential travel." In its [announcement](#), DHS clearly defines as "essential" individuals traveling to work in the United States -- including individuals working in the farming or agriculture industry who must travel between the United States and Mexico in furtherance of such work.

EEOC Issues Updated Guidance for Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace

While most food and ag businesses have been granted status as “essential services,” it is critically important that employers follow proper guidance to prevent spread of COVID-19 among employees. Attached is [updated information](#) from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to assist employers and employees in following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as state/local public health authorities on how best to slow the spread of this disease and protect workers, customers, clients, and the general public. We encourage all members to read and follow these important guidelines.

CDFA Food Safety Inspection Services to Continue

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has [notified](#) the public it will continue to serve Californians during the COVID-19 pandemic by maintaining its food inspection work to ensure a safe, healthy and abundant food supply. The continued work of CDFA inspection personnel is vital to providing consumers, as well as national and international markets, ongoing assurance that California’s food and agricultural commodities continue to be held to the highest standards of safety and quality during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Included in the attached notice is additional information and guidance regarding important measures for employers and employees to preen the spread of COVID-19.

Critical UC Ag and Natural Resources Services Remain in Operation

Many of the AAMSI associations conduct research or participate in programs offered through University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. Glenda Humiston, Vice Present of UCANR has issued the following [letter](#) to communicate important information about programs still in operation, which includes critical research projects.

Additional Information to Protect Workers

In addition to the aforementioned guidance provided by the EEOC, AAMSI has received multiple documents that employers may find useful as they strive to protect their workforce. This is a critically important effort as we must keep the workforce healthy if we are to provide essential services to our nation’s citizens. Thank you all for your diligence and commitment in these trying times.

- **CDFA COVID-19 and Food Supply** - [Click Here](#)
- **CDC Guidance and Cleaning** - [Click Here](#)
- **Monterey Guidance on Ag Employees** - [Click Here](#)
- **AgSafe COVID-19 Resources:** <https://www.aqsafe.org/covid-19-resources/>
- **CA Labor Dept. Guidance and Employer/Employee Resources** <https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/>

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