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



As more businesses are allowed to open and harvest/packing operations move into full swing around the state, it's imperative that essential food businesses maintain very stringent operational procedures to prevent the spread of coronavirus among workers and office staff.

Provided in today's newsletter is the latest information on guidance for important activities including control, testing and reporting procedures.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you need additional information or have questions.

CDC Checklist for COVID-19 Assessment and Control Plan

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has recently released the Agricultural Employer Checklist for Creating a COVID-19 Assessment and Control Plan.

The checklist is divided into five sections: assessment, control plan, shared housing, transportation, and children. You can find the checklist here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/Agricultural-Employer-checklist.pdf>

This document is a companion piece to the recently released [guidance for Agriculture Workers and Employers](#).

Agricultural employers can use this checklist to create a COVID-19 assessment and control plan for applying specific preparation, prevention, and management measures to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19.

CDC Testing Strategy for Workers in High-Density, Critical Infrastructure Settings

Outbreaks of illness among workers in food-producing facilities and surrounding communities have raised unique questions that identified a need for testing for COVID-19 to supplement existing guidance.

The CDC provides different testing strategy options for exposed co-workers when public health organizations and employers determine testing is needed to help support existing disease control measures. Such strategies can aid in identifying infectious individuals with the goal of reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the workplace. CDC stresses that these strategies augment but do not replace existing guidance.

Overview: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>

Critical Infrastructure: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/worker-safety-support/hd-testing.html>

Critical Infrastructure Diagram: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/Testing-Strat-flow-diagram.pdf>

What to Do If You Have COVID-19 Worker Exposure

We received some materials from government offices in Yolo County which provide excellent examples of resources to assist businesses in dealing with a COVID-19 exposure in your workplace. The documents below outline the requirements for reporting any COVID-19 workplace exposures and include a spreadsheet to use if you have an exposure to report.

Reproducing this information for your own businesses may be helpful.

[Workplace Exposure Reporting.pdf](#)
[Workplace COVID Toolkit.xlsx](#)

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