Does Your Farm Have a Health and Safety Program During COVID-19?

A sound **health and safety program** is an effective way to manage risks while protecting your business and the people working and living on your farm. This is especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at: http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Has everyone on the farm, including families, been educated on how people get and spread COVID-19?	☐	☐	
Have you identified ways that your team is at risk of getting or spreading COVID-19?	☐	☐	
Have you created a plan for how you and your team will reduce the risk of getting COVID-19 and stop it from spreading to other employees, family members, and community members?	☐	☐	
Do you have a plan if someone is unable to work?	☐	☐	
Do you meet with your team regularly to go over this plan and change it if need be? Are you meeting via phone call or video chat? If that's not an option, are you meeting outside with everyone standing more than 6 feet apart and wearing N95 respirators or cloth face masks?	☐	☐	
Is someone providing this training for employees whose first language is not English?	☐	☐	
Have you put up posters with your plan in break rooms, at entrances, in housing, and in other commonly-used spaces? The posters should include images and text in languages spoken by each employee.	☐	☐	
Are employees' names/addresses/contact/emergency information available for owners and managers to easily access?	☐	☐	
Do you have whistleblower protection policies so that anyone can report unsafe practices and make suggestions without fear of retaliation?	☐	☐	

Name of person completing safety check:_____ Date completed:____/____/____

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

COVID-19 Agriculture Workers and Employers: Interim Guidelines
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and U.S. Department of Labor
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-agricultural-workers.html

COVID-19 Resources
Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
http://umash.umn.edu/covid-19-resources/

Farm Safety Check: COVID-19 Infection Prevention
Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

http://umash.umn.edu/farm-safety-check-covid-19-infection-prevention/

Farm Safety Handbook
University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension
https://fyi.uwex.edu/agsafety/files/2011/02/Farm-Safety-Handbook.doc

Farm Employee Management: Do We Need an Employee Handbook?
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/html/c1-72.html

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.
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