



SUCCESS STORIES

RESPONDING TO ISSUES LIKE COVID-19 IN AGRICULTURE

Supporting the health and safety of people in a sustainable agriculture

THE PROBLEM:

COVID-19 has dramatically changed the way that we work on the farm: food production systems have been greatly taxed, and as with all essential work, agricultural workers have higher COVID-19 risk.

OUR RESPONSE:

UMASH is responding to the needs of our region’s agricultural workers by:

- Creating tools and resources
- Providing timely guidance and updates
- Conducting innovative research

TOOLS FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY:

- 13 new or updated Farm Safety Checklists
- Handwashing posters (English & Spanish)
- Safety and health lessons that are ready prepared for the virtual classroom
- YouTube videos
- Regular updates via web, email, and social media
- Guide on respiratory protection in response to PPE shortages
- Q&A relevant to COVID-19 in agriculture
- Web landing page with infection prevention guidance and region-specific resources

FARM SAFETY CHECK



TOOLS FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH:

- A toolkit to guide community-based trainings and conversations around mental health and stress.



- Virtual suicide prevention classes for agricultural communities
- Customized resources for identifying and supporting individuals with signs and symptoms of stress

VIRTUAL FARM SHOW

#UMASHEXPO

To stay connected with the agricultural community and share key safety information, we hosted the UMASH Expo, a virtual farm show

- Roughly 1,500 unique participants
- Over 40 virtual exhibit booths
- Over 30 live safety talks
- Three live demonstrations

RESPONSIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- The management of airborne virus particles
- The COVID-19-related needs and biosecurity practices of MN and WI dairies

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