

Protecting Oregon's Food Supply and Essential Agricultural Workers



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Governor's Goals for Reopening

1. Minimize hospitalizations and deaths - We know that we are more likely to see more positive cases and but we want to minimize severe cases and death
2. Allow people to safely return to work so they can support themselves and their families
3. Minimize risk to frontline workers
4. Avoid overwhelming health systems
5. Protect those at highest risk of severe illness, especially communities of color
6. Support social/cultural/spiritual reopening for small groups that preserve community cohesion and cultural practices.

Background

- Mitigating COVID-19 has required that the industry implement social distancing and increased sanitation to reduce transition.
- In Oregon there is a high rate of COVID-19 among the Latinx community (20.9 cases per 10,000 residents) relative to non-hispanics (5.8 cases)
- Inequitable distribution of resources among communities exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposal Goals

1. Deploy rapid support and resources to Oregon's agricultural growers.
2. Reduce the potential for COVID-19 exposure, illness and death associated with COVID-19 among agricultural workers and industry.
3. Enhance the public health of the state and educate Oregon's agricultural industry to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Food Security & Farmworker Package

1 | Housing Access \$10M

- Hotel/motel vouchers
- Alternative on-site housing

2 | Field Sanitation \$6M

- Handwashing stations
- Portable restrooms
- Social distancing transportation

3 | Mitigation of COVID-19 \$14M

- Masks and sanitizer
- Isolation and quarantine access
- Quarantine Fund
- Communications and outreach

Face Mask Distribution Overview

Oregon National Guard, Oregon Emergency Management, Department of Agriculture and Department of Administrative Services will be supporting distribution

- 1M masks for initial deployment
- Grower Distribution
- CBO Distribution

KN-95 Masks (potential for other cloth masks in future deployment based on shipment timing and market availability)

- Non- Medical face covering purpose
- Not for pesticide use

Questions?
