



## Best Practices to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Among Migrant Workers

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### Daily Routines

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- Workers should be screened every morning before leaving for work.
- Growers should be vigilant on sanitization efforts for housing units, harvesting/processing equipment, and buses.
- Hand washing stations should be checked regularly for operation and supplies.
- Growers should encourage frequent hand washing and social distancing.
- Growers should take necessary steps to protect themselves and their families from possible COVID-19 contact.
- Crew Leaders should encourage workers to observe social distancing and personal hygiene to combat the spread of the virus.

### Food & Supplies

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- The purchase of food, beverages, and other items should not occur in large groups. Migrant Work Crew Leaders should create a weekly grocery list of what their group wishes to buy from the grocery store. Growers should arrange for one or two individuals to grocery shop for their group.
- **Busloads of workers are prohibited from local businesses**

### Medical Care for Ill Workers

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- **Prior** to presenting a symptomatic worker, Growers should contact a local medical care provider by phone and follow their instructions.
- After an individual has been tested, they should be placed in a “**Quarantine Area**” for a 48-hour period to wait for the test results. (**Do not return workers awaiting test results to their work crew**).
- After being placed in quarantine, if the COVID-19 test results are positive, the individual will be moved to an “**Isolation Area**”.



## Screening and Testing Recommendations to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Among Migrant Workers

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### Screening

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1. Crew leaders or other designated personnel should screen migrant workers each morning prior to departure on bus. Busses will need to be disinfected with bleach or other appropriate disinfectant.
  - a. Should bussing not be required (e.g. onsite housing), designated personnel should screen workers before they enter the working area (e.g. field, warehouse).
2. Utilize the Migrant Worker Health Assessment Log found at the back of this packet to document the existence of any of the three symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath/hard to breath) as well as the worker's current temperature.
  - a. For the purposes of preventing spread, a "fever" is considered 99.5 or above.
3. Should a migrant worker display any of the three symptoms, the crew leader or other designated personnel should not allow the worker to enter the bus or work until they are tested for COVID-19 and confirmed negative.
4. The employer should immediately call a healthcare provider or the State of Georgia's COVID-19 hotline (844-442-2681) to discuss any suspected COVID-19 migrant workers for potential testing.
5. It is ultimately the responsibility of the employer to screen all migrant workers being hosted on their site regardless of what site they may be working on for a given day. It is also the employer's responsibility to inform their workers of the COVID-19 testing process and what to expect if they are confirmed infected.

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### Testing

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6. Those patients displaying symptoms should be directed to and isolated within a designated area for pending COVID-19 workers, or Persons Under Investigation (PUI), to await testing and will remain there until a result is received.
  - a. Test results should be received within 48 hours.
7. Migrant workers who are found to be negative for COVID-19 will be able to return to their normal housing arrangements once the result is received by the employer.
8. Migrant workers who test positive for COVID-19, who are considered infectious, should be relocated to and housed within a designated area for confirmed COVID-19 workers.
  - a. Infectious workers should be isolated for 14 days.

### COVID-19 Migrant Worker Health Assessment Log

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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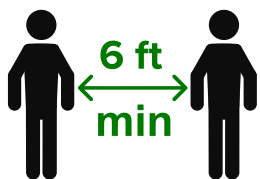
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Crew Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

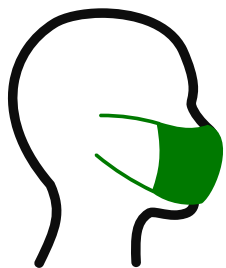
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# Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

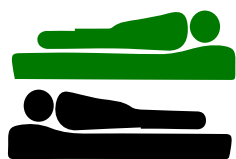
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Keep at least 6 feet distance between people.



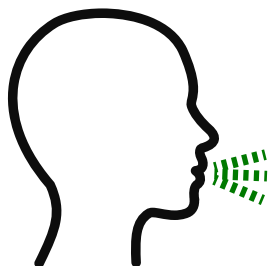
Use a face mask when you are around other people.



If you are sleeping in close quarters, sleep head-to-toe.



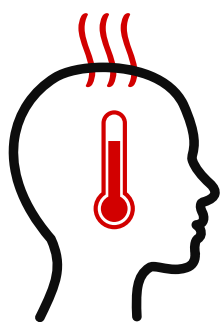
Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.



If you feel ill, immediately tell your boss.

# Recognize the Symptoms of COVID-19

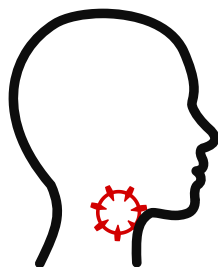
If you or a coworker exhibit any of these symptoms, tell your boss immediately.



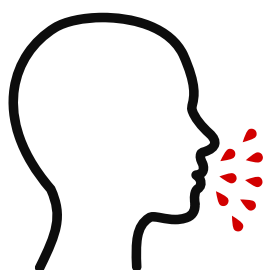
**FEVER**



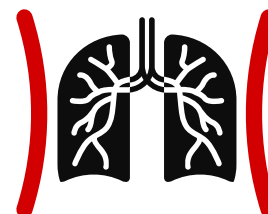
**HEADACHE**



**SORE THROAT**



**COUGH**



**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

With your help, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19.