

International Agricultural Worker (IAW) Housing Accommodation Summary Checklist

Respiratory Illness Preparedness Recommendation	Done
Review most current guideline for employers of IAWs regarding COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health.	
Provide a separate accommodation for isolation.	
Provide PPE/cleaning supplies, food/meals, and personal supplies for workers in isolation.	
Post respiratory etiquette signage in housing accommodations and work sites (use appropriate language for IAWs).	
Worker Arrival	Done
Inform workers of their rights and entitlements, including access to health care services and other supports available if they become sick.	
Arrange for workers to receive their OHIP cards as soon as possible upon arrival.	
Inform and educated workers on latest public health protocols related to respiratory diseases and how to properly use PPE.	
Workplace Recommendations	Done
Maintain accurate and updated records of contact information for emergency services and all persons who work (permanent, temporary, or contract) at the farm as IAWs.	
Recommended Passive Screening	Done
Passive screening through signage posted in the agri-food or congregate living setting.	
Designate a separate isolation room/building for staff that failed screening to go to until next steps can be determined.	
Assist IAWs with facilitating testing if required.	
Cleaning and Disinfection	Done
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Recommended that a cleaning and disinfection schedule with assigned staff is created and distributed.	
Use appropriate cleaning and disinfection chemicals (Disinfectant should have a DIN or NPN and an appropriate contact time as per manufacturer's instructions).	
Train all staff to use chemicals as prescribed by WHMIS.	

Construction	Done
Housing is at least 100 feet (30.48 metres) from any building used for animals.	
Housing is detached from any buildings where flammable materials are used or stored.	
Floors and walls are tight-fitting, smooth, impervious, and easily cleaned.	
Walls must extend at least 7 feet (2.13 metres) above floor level.	
Roofs must be tight-fitting and waterproof.	
Provide adequate natural or artificial lighting and ventilation.	
Provide tight-fitting screens in good condition on all windows.	
Maintain the temperature of the building at 20°C (68°F) or higher.	
Heating source operational and meets building/fire codes.	
Combustion-type stoves/heaters to be vented directly outside.	
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Barriers in sleeping areas must be made with materials that have a low flame resistance rating that can be readily cleaned and sanitized.	
Provide one bed per person that is at least 12 inches (30 cm) above the floor.	
Provide clean mattress(s) and frame(s) of sound construction.	
Provide a sufficient supply of clean linens in good condition.	
Provide one locker, shelf, or equivalent for each bed.	
Ensure sleeping area is separated from other living areas.	

Water Supply	Done
Provide constant supply of hot and cold running potable water under pressure.	
Sample water and obtain a bacteriologically safe result prior to inspection.	
Containers used for water are made of food grade material, maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, equipped with a sanitary dispensing device, and used for no other purpose.	

Washroom Facilities	Done
Provide at least one wash basin for every seven people in good working order.	
Provide at least one shower or tub for every 10 people in good working order.	
Provide at least one toilet for every 10 people in good working order.	
Provide suitable privacy barriers for toilet facilities.	
Provide adequate supply of toilet tissue and hand soap/hand sanitizer.	
Provide adequate natural and/or mechanical ventilation in washroom(s).	

Laundry Facilities	Done
Provide at least one laundering tub or washing machine for every 15 people.	
Provide drying facilities for laundry (e.g. dryer or clothesline).	
Provide access to a laundromat at least once a week where laundry facilities are not provided on site.	

Kitchen	Done
Provide a sufficient number of food grade utensils for cooking, eating, and drinking.	
Provide sufficient refrigerated space that is maintained at 4°C (40°F).	
Provide kitchen with sufficient supply of food storage/preparation/cooking facilities.	
Provide equipment and detergent for the washing and sanitizing of dishes.	

Sanitation, Garbage, Maintenance, and Sewage	Done
Provide a sufficient quantity of rodent/vermin proof garbage containers.	
Remove garbage weekly or as often as necessary.	
Ensure all areas of the housing facility are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.	
Housing must be thoroughly cleaned and set up prior to receiving an inspection.	
Sewage disposal system is in good working condition and adequate for the number of workers housed on-site.	

Fire Prevention (refer to Fire Code)	Done
Provide a sufficient number of operational, properly located smoke detectors.	
Fire extinguishers are to be securely mounted and inspected.	
Ensure housing is free from any chemical, substance, or condition thatmay be a health hazard.	

Current Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code applies to all new construction and renovations or additions to existing buildings. It is the Owner/Operator's responsibility to ensure that such construction is in compliance with the Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code. Contact municipal building department for additional information.

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