Advice from Durham Region Health Department for International Agricultural Worker Housing Accommodations



- ✔ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information / recommendations for International Agricultural Workers.
- ✓ Follow your workplace safety plan at all times.
- ✓ It is recommended that employers provide workers with proper PPE.
- ✔ Provide COVID-19 information and training on public health protocols in culturally sensitive languages and educational formats.



Consider implementing passive screening for all individuals entering the workplace.



Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, immediately self isolate and report your illness to your supervisor.



Increase space by staggering lunch breaks.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces / equipment more often to help reduce the risk of spread(e.g. doorknobs, counters, washrooms, etc.). Follow the manufacturer's direction for appropriate mixture and contact time.



Wash your hands often, especially before and after eating and using the washroom for at least 20 seconds where possible or use hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly soiled. Ensure to use hand sanitizer often throughout the day especially before and after using communal areas.



Encourage well-fitted mask use when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

It is recommended that the following precautions are in place in your shared housing accommodations:

- Post signs at all entrances of the communal areas directing those that are sick to self isolate.
- Have hand sanitizer at the entrance of the communal areas of the accommodation.
- Clean and disinfect throughout common areas in the accommodation and of shared vehicles and tools.
- Post signs that highlight proper respiratory etiquette.
- Remove shared food containers and condiments in the dining room / on the table (e.g. pitchers of water, salt & pepper, salad dressings, cream & sugar etc.).
- When traveling together in cars, roll down the windows if weather permits. Avoid using the recirculated air option for the car's ventilation.



 Workers who live together are considered a cohort and this grouping should be maintained at the workplace as much as possible to help reduce the incidence of transmission.



