Protecting Essential Food & Farm Workers in the Chesapeake Region

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Most agricultural and meat processing workers lack many of the basic employment benefits that employees in other industries enjoy:

- health insurance
- paid sick leave
- minimum wage and overtime
- the right to organize and bargain collectively
Marylanders for FOOD & FARM Worker Protection

• CATA - The Farmworkers Support Committee
• Center for Progressive Reform
• Centro de los Derechos del Migrante
• Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
• Fair Farms
• Farmworker Justice
• Food & Water Action
• Friends of the Earth
• Maryland Campaign for Environmental Human Rights
• Maryland Clean Water Action
• Maryland Pesticide Education Network
• Migrant Clinicians Network
• National Employment Law Project
• Public Justice Center
Agriculture Workers and Employers

- Interim Guidance from CDC and the U.S. Department of Labor
- OSHA and FDA Checklist

• This guidance provides a template of action to protect agriculture workers from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

• Some or all of this checklist may be useful to persons growing, harvesting, packing, manufacturing, processing, or holding human and animal food regulated by FDA.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Purpose: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are providing this checklist for FDA-regulated human and animal food operations to use when assessing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially when re-starting operations after a shut down or when reassessing operations because of changes due to the COVID-19 public health emergency caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. Some or all of this checklist may be useful to persons growing, harvesting, packing, manufacturing, processing, or holding human and animal food regulated by FDA. This includes produce, seafood, milk, eggs, grains, game meat, and other raw materials or ingredients, as well as their resulting human or animal food products. This checklist is not exhaustive of all things human and animal food operations may do for employee health and food safety during the COVID-19 pandemic and can be used in conjunction with additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OSHA, and other federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities. Not all of the items are relevant to all types of food operations; there is additional sector-specific information available e.g., guidance from CDC and the U.S. Department of Labor for Agriculture Workers and Employers [5], Seafood Processing Workers [developed in consultation with FDA] [6], and Meat and Poultry Processing Workers and Employers.
Call to Gov. Hogan to issue an Emergency Temporary Standard to protect workers from COVID-19
These are the people who feed us. Help protect them from COVID-19.