



# Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee

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## Meeting details

**Date:** Thursday, June 17, 2021

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Virtual meeting due to COVID-19

### Committee members present

- Jonathan DeVaney
- Michael Gempler
- Delia Peña
- Jeff Perrault
- Rosalinda Guillen

### Non-voting agency representatives

- Todd Phillips
- Uriel Iniguez
- Ignacio Marquez

### Committee members absent

- Michele Besso
- Ramon Torres
- Victoria Ruddy

### ESD staff

- Craig Carroll
- Alberto Isiordia
- Tamara Johnson
- Dan Zeitlin
- Rene Maldonado
- Cara Mia Stearns-Vance
- Oscar Cerda

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## Summary

### Meeting Recorded

This meeting was recorded and is available on <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/Ag-committee>

### Welcome and Introductions

Employment Security Department (ESD) Policy Director, Dan Zeitlin, welcomed everyone and asked Tamara Johnson to take roll. Roll was taken and it was determined that we did not have a quorum so the meeting start was delayed until other committee members could join with 5 members ultimately joining so the meeting could proceed.

### Agenda

Recording timestamp **00:08:50**

Dan Zeitlin reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. (See Addendum I.)

### Meeting Minutes

Recording timestamp **00:10:53**

Dan Zeitlin requested that everyone review the meeting minutes for May 20, 2021 and provide their feedback. Mike Gempler made a motion to approve the minutes and Jon DeVaney seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

**ASWS Office Update**

Recording timestamp **00:11:45**

Oscar Cerda reported the office is currently recruiting for compliance specialists to be located in Auburn and Omak. We have candidates for Kennewick and Walla Walla locations and are proceeding with hiring process.

**H-2A Application Data Report**

Recording timestamp **00:32:58**

Cara Mia Stearns-Vance reported on H-2A application data.

	2021		2020	
Status of Applications	# of Applications	# of Workers Requested/ Labor Certifications*	# of Applications	# of Workers Requested/ Labor Certifications*
Received/Processed	312	27,982	287	25,808
Commenced	243	22,279	205	20,485
Withdrawn	10	565	19	2,589

\*The numbers reported are not reflective of the number of foreign workers that actually arrive in Washington State.

**FLC Budget**

Recording timestamp **00:44:00**

Cara Mia Stearns-Vance reported that Congress enacted a \$6 million increase in funding for the Administration of the Foreign Labor Certification Program, at the State Level, for the next fiscal year.

- From that federal appropriation, ESD’s FLC Program received a \$172,579 increase to our FLC grant for the next year.

**Customer Experience Survey - Report Recommendations Progress**

Recording timestamp **00:46:49**

Gustavo Aviles reported ASWS Advisory Committee members met with ESD’s customer experience team and that internal resources are limited for the study.

- A draft request for quotes & qualifications from outside vendors will be sent to AC members

**L & I Updates – Uriel Iniguez, Cat Gregersen, Steve Yunker**

Recording timestamp **00:55:45**

L&I Outreach update – Uriel Ingiruez

Recording timestamp **00:56:26**

Wildfire Smoke Rules update – Cat Gregersen

Recording timestamp **00:58:20**

Ag Compliance Unit Inspections update – Steve Yunker

Recording timestamp **01:09:00**

**DOH Updates – Todd Phillips, Michelle Holshue, Tia Dostal, Michelle Chung, Darius Basemore**

Recording timestamp **01:22:00**

Michelle Holshue & Tia Dostal presented:

Recording timestamp **01:22:37**

*COVID-19 Outbreaks in Agricultural work settings, Washington State, 2020* (See Addendum II.)

Michelle Chung & Darius Basemore presented:

Recording timestamp **01:47:50**

*Agriculture & Food Production Workers Vaccine Operations Update* (See Addendum III.)

**Future Agenda Items**

Recording timestamp **02:35:15**

- Updates on efforts to improve the domestic worker recruitment and referral system.

**Public Comments**Recording timestamp **02:36:20**

Susan Kopicki  
Edgar Franks

**Adjourned**

Dan Zeitlin thanked everyone for their continued active participation and for their commitment to this work, then ended the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

**2021 Meetings**

The next Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee meeting is on:

- **July 15, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – WebEx Meeting**

**Addendums****ADDENDUM I.**



AGENDA

Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services (ASWS)  
Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 17, 2021 | 8:30 am – 11:00 am | WebEx

Agenda Items

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 am	Welcome – Dan Zeitlin, Director – ESPI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda Review</li> </ul>
8:40 am	Approval of Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 20, 2021</li> </ul>
8:45 am	ASWS Office update – Oscar Cerda
8:50 am	FLC applications update – Cara Mia Stearns-Vance
8:55 am	FLC budget – Cara Mia Stearns-Vance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification from DOL on the New FLC budget and impact to our budget</li> </ul>
9:05 am	Customer Experience Study Recommendation update – Gustavo Aviles
9:15 am	L&I – Uriel Iniguez & Ryan Allen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildfire Smoke Rules</li> </ul>
9:30 am	Break
9:40 am	DOH update – Todd Phillips & Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations</li> <li>Outbreak Data</li> </ul>
10:40 am	Closing Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next agenda items</li> </ul>
10:50 am	Public Comments
11:00 am	Adjourn

GROUND RULES

No side conversations | Phones on silent | Let people speak without interruption | Respect the opinion of others | Strive for understanding | Speak your mind | Strive for common ground | Assume good intent | Stay focused on task at hand and be willing to come back to the topic | Make sure everyone understands | Look out for each other | Take care of your own comfort | Ask for what you need

ADDENDUM II.



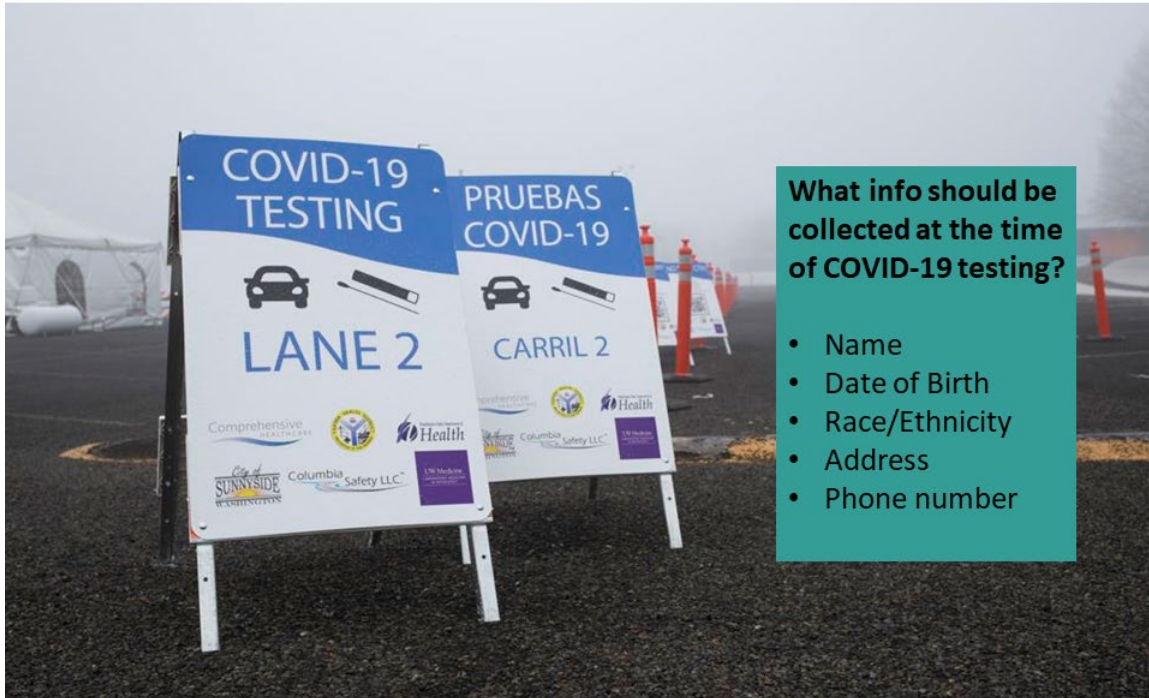
COVID-19 OUTBREAKS IN AGRICULTURAL  
WORK SETTINGS, WASHINGTON STATE, 2020

Tia Dostal & Michelle Holshue  
Washington State Department of Health

**Disclaimer: The data presented here are preliminary  
and may change as we learn more.**



How do we find cases of COVID-19 in agricultural workers?



COVID-19 **cases** are reported to DOH through the Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS)

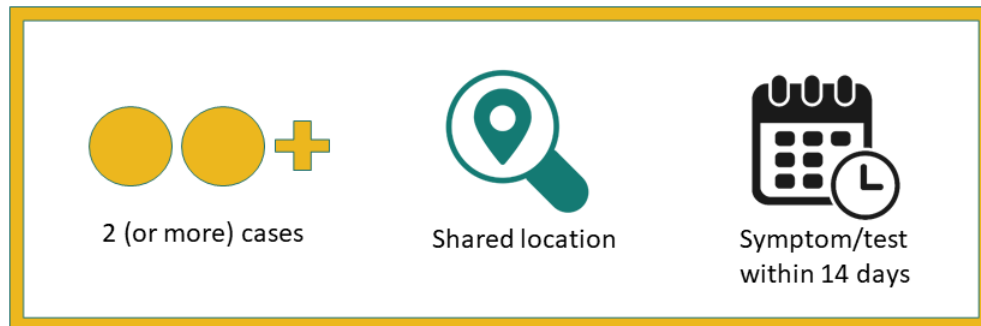


Cases reported to the Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS) can be linked to **outbreaks**



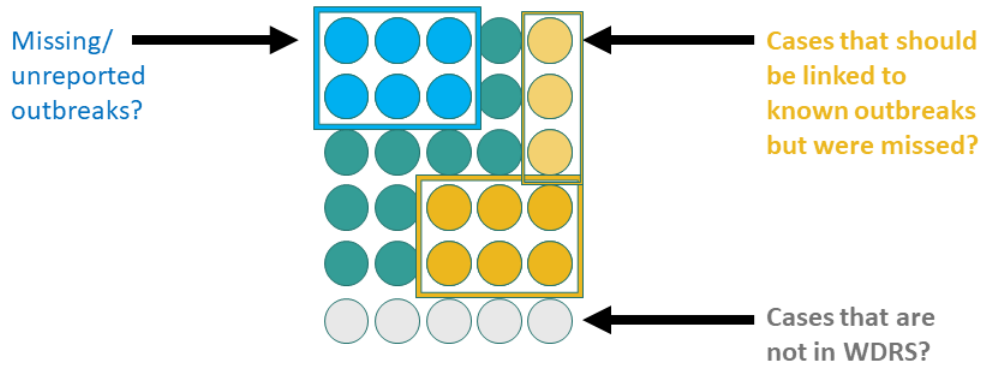
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To link cases in a COVID-19 **outbreak**, 3 things must be true:



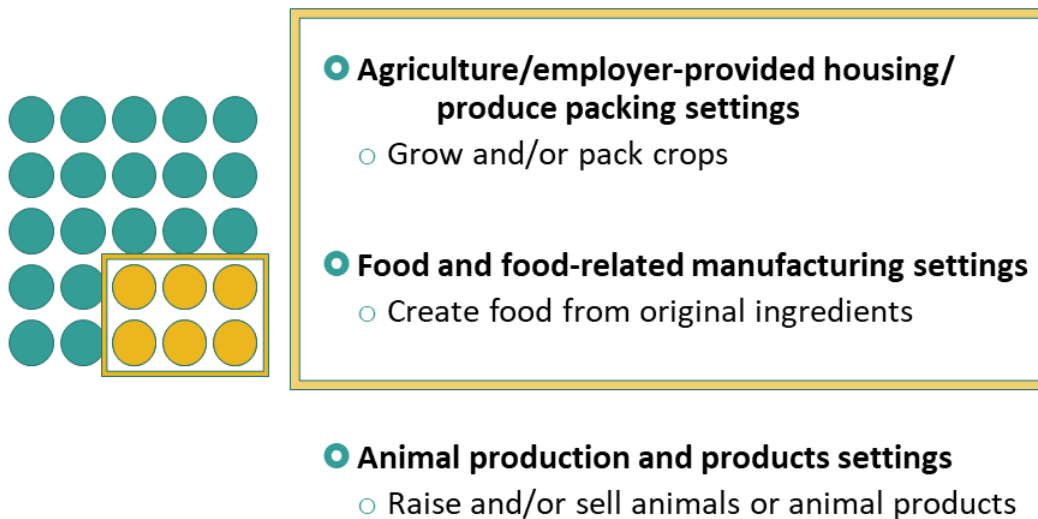
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The cases linked to outbreaks in WDRS may only represent PART of the picture.



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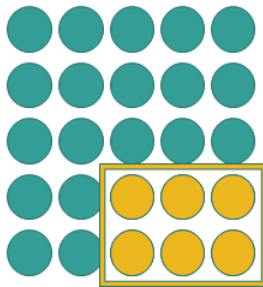
Outbreaks in WDRS are classified by setting. There are 3 main outbreak settings we focused on:



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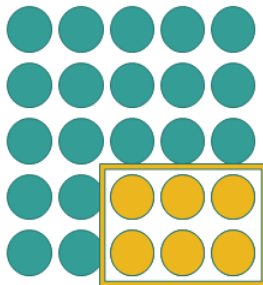
In 2020, **more than 200 outbreaks** of COVID-19 in agricultural settings were reported to DOH



- **236** COVID-19 outbreaks were reported
- These made up **8.9%** of all non-healthcare outbreaks in the state
- **Most (62%)** outbreaks in agricultural settings occurred in **agriculture/employer-provided housing/produce packing**

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**More than 4,000 cases** of COVID-19 were linked to outbreaks in agricultural settings in 2020

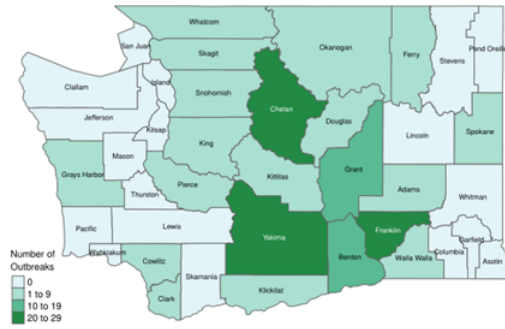


- At least **4,066** cases were linked to these 200+ reported outbreaks
- Of these 4,000+ linked cases:
  - At least **132** cases were hospitalized
  - At least **18** people died
- The median size of outbreaks was **8 cases**

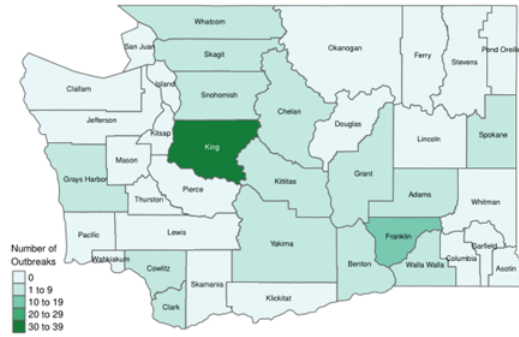
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## Geographic distribution of reported outbreaks varied by the type of setting

Outbreaks in agriculture/employer-provided housing/produce packing settings



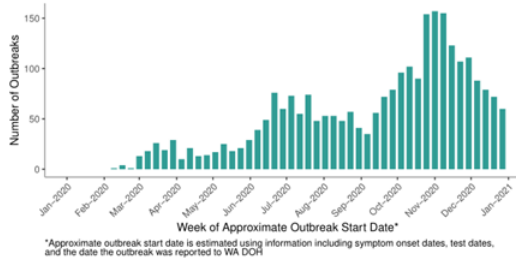
Outbreaks in food manufacturing settings



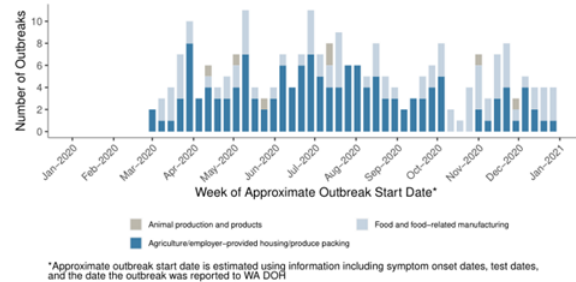
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## Outbreaks of COVID-19 in **agricultural settings** showed similar time patterns when compared to **all reported outbreaks** in Washington

Reported COVID-19 outbreaks in all non-healthcare congregate settings, 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020



Reported COVID-19 outbreaks in agriculture and food manufacturing settings, 2/01/2020 - 12/31/2020



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## Cases linked to outbreaks in agricultural settings were more likely to be Hispanic, young, and male

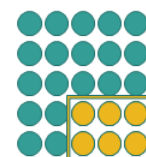
	Agriculture and Food Processing Outbreak Cases (percent of cases)	All Washington State Cases (percent of cases)	Percent of Total WA Population
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>			
<b>Total Number of Cases</b>	<b>4066 (100%)</b>	<b>260635 (100%)</b>	
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (percent out of total cases)	1060 (26%)	101816 (39%)	NA
<b>Total with Race/Ethnicity Available*</b>	<b>3006 (100%)</b>	<b>158819 (100%)</b>	
Hispanic	2432 (81%)	53291 (34%)	13%
Non-Hispanic White	251 (8%)	74611 (47%)	68%
Non-Hispanic Asian	166 (6%)	9292 (6%)	9%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	64 (2%)	2924 (2%)	1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	35 (1%)	2688 (2%)	NA
Non-Hispanic Black	29 (1%)	8961 (6%)	4%
Non-Hispanic Multiracial	24 (1%)	4608 (3%)	4%
Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native	< 10 (- %)	2444 (2%)	1%
<b>Age</b>			
0-19	151 (4%)	39936 (15%)	25%
20-34	1454 (36%)	79987 (31%)	21%
35-49	1371 (34%)	62915 (24%)	19%
50-64	962 (24%)	47353 (18%)	19%
65-79	125 (3%)	21328 (8%)	13%
80+	<10 (- %)	8867 (3%)	4%
Unknown Age	<10 (- %)	249 (0%)	NA
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	1586 (39%)	127900 (49%)	50%
Male	2140 (53%)	124440 (48%)	50%
Other	< 10 (- %)	204 (0%)	NA
Unknown Sex	339 (8%)	8091 (3%)	NA
<b>Hospitalizations</b>			
Hospitalizations	132 (3%)	15690 (6%)	NA
<b>Deaths</b>			
Deaths	18 (0%)	4384 (2%)	NA

*Note:*  
 \*Race and ethnicity percentages are out of total cases with reported race/ethnicity  
 - Percent was not calculated due to the small number of cases

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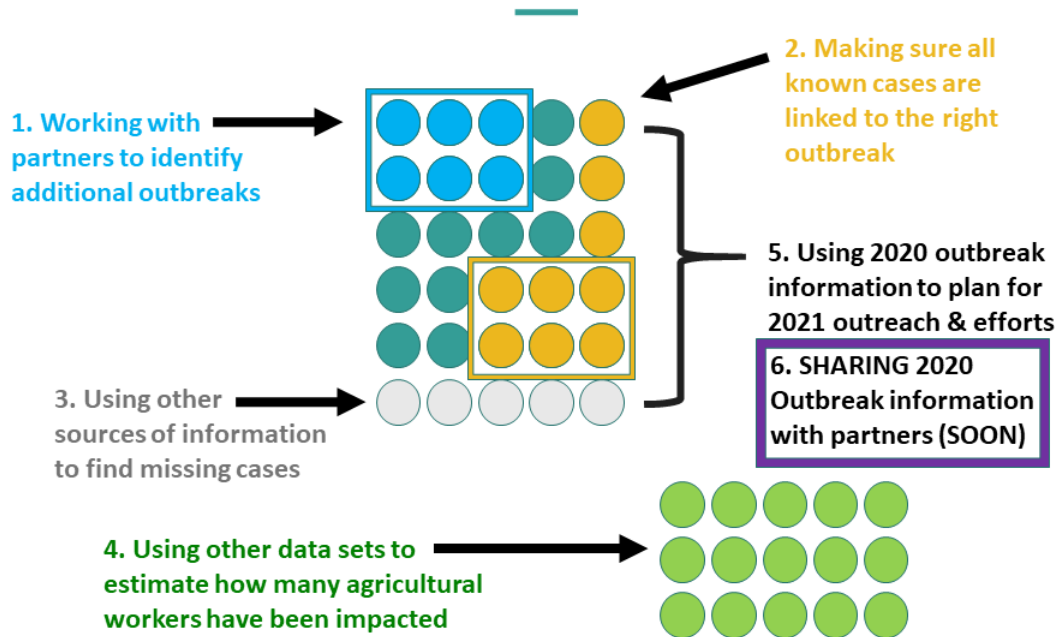
## Discussion

- The Washington State agriculture and food manufacturing industries were impacted by COVID-19 outbreaks in 2020
- Outbreaks in these settings disproportionately affected younger, male, and Hispanic populations
- Sufficient resources to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks in these settings are needed to protect the essential workers who are the foundation of our national food system
- Limitations:
  - Likely an underestimate of the true number of outbreaks and associated cases
  - Difficult to determine location of COVID-19 transmission



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## What DOH is doing to improve our understanding of COVID-19 Outbreaks in agricultural workers



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- Washington State Department of Health Non-healthcare Congregate Settings Program
- Washington State local health jurisdictions
- Washington State tribal partners

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## Results

Characteristics of cases associated with reported COVID-19 outbreaks in agriculture/employer-provided housing/produce packing settings, 2/01/2020 – 12/31/2020

	Agriculture/Employer-provided Housing/Produce Packing Outbreak Cases (Percent)	All Washington State Cases (Percent)	Percent of Total WA Population
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>			
Total Number of Cases	2379 (100%)	261123 (100%)	
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (percent out of total cases)	606 (25%)	101343 (39%)	NA
<b>Total with Race/Ethnicity Available*</b>	<b>1773 (100%)</b>	<b>159780 (100%)</b>	
Hispanic	1671 (94%)	53741 (34%)	13%
Non-Hispanic White	77 (4%)	75223 (47%)	68%
Non-Hispanic Asian	< 10 (- %)	9306 (6%)	9%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	17 (1%)	3716 (2%)	NA
Non-Hispanic Black	< 10 (- %)	9032 (6%)	4%
Non-Hispanic Multiracial	< 10 (- %)	4350 (3%)	4%
Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native	< 10 (- %)	2476 (2%)	1%
<b>Age</b>			
0-19	90 (4%)	39986 (15%)	25%
20-34	964 (40%)	80172 (31%)	21%
35-49	844 (35%)	63043 (24%)	19%
50-64	454 (19%)	47425 (18%)	19%
65-79	47 (2%)	21361 (8%)	13%
80+	<10 (- %)	8887 (3%)	4%
Unknown Age	<10 (- %)	249 (0%)	NA
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	870 (36%)	128206 (49%)	50%
Male	1249 (52%)	124646 (48%)	50%
Unknown Sex	282 (12%)	8066 (3%)	NA
<b>Hospitalizations</b>			
Hospitalizations	60 (2%)	15670 (6%)	NA
<b>Deaths</b>			
Deaths	9 (0%)	4349 (2%)	NA

Note:  
 \*Race and ethnicity percentages are out of total cases with reported race/ethnicity  
 - Percent was not calculated due to the small number of cases

## Results

Characteristics of cases associated with reported COVID-19 outbreaks in food and food-related manufacturing settings, 2/01/2020 – 12/31/2020

	Food and Food-Related Manufacturing Outbreak Cases (Percent)	All Washington State Cases (Percent)	Percent of Total WA Population
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>			
Total Number of Cases	1672 (100%)	261123 (100%)	
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (percent out of total cases)	453 (27%)	101343 (39%)	NA
Total with Race/Ethnicity Available*	1219 (100%)	159780 (100%)	
Hispanic	765 (62%)	53741 (34%)	13%
Non-Hispanic White	172 (14%)	75223 (47%)	68%
Non-Hispanic Asian	163 (13%)	9306 (6%)	9%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	64 (5%)	2936 (2%)	1%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	18 (1%)	2716 (2%)	NA
Non-Hispanic Black	27 (2%)	9032 (6%)	4%
Non-Hispanic Multiracial	17 (1%)	4350 (3%)	4%
Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native	< 10 (- %)	2476 (2%)	1%
<b>Age</b>			
0-19	61 (4%)	39986 (15%)	25%
20-34	505 (30%)	80172 (31%)	21%
35-49	530 (31%)	63043 (24%)	19%
50-64	509 (30%)	47425 (18%)	19%
65-79	77 (5%)	21361 (8%)	13%
80+	<10 (- %)	8887 (3%)	4%
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	719 (43%)	128206 (49%)	50%
Male	900 (53%)	124646 (48%)	50%
Other	< 10 (- %)	205 (0%)	NA
Unknown Sex	63 (4%)	8066 (3%)	NA
<b>Hospitalizations</b>			
Hospitalizations	70 (4%)	15670 (6%)	NA
<b>Deaths</b>			
Deaths	<10 (- %)	4349 (2%)	NA

Note:

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ADDENDUM III.



# TESTING VACCINATION UPDATE - AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

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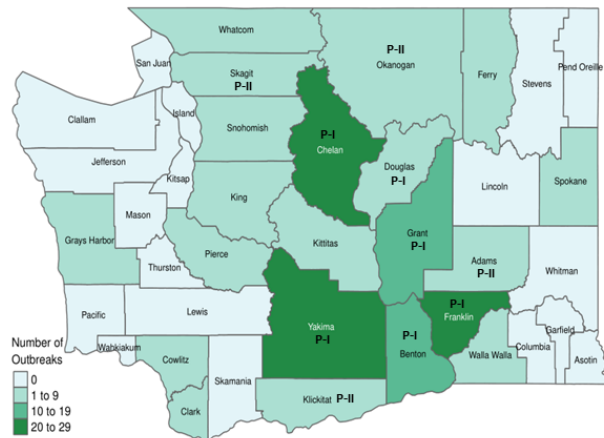
## Testing Phased Approach



### Phases I and II

- 50% of COVID-19 outbreaks in the agriculture and food industry reported to DOH in 2020 occurred in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Yakima, Benton, and Franklin. These are the **Phase I (P-I)** counties.
- Additional 16% of COVID-19 outbreaks occurred in Skagit, Okanogan, Adams, and Klickitat. These are the **Phase II (P-II)** counties.

Figure 2: Map of Phase I and II Counties in North and South Central, WA for the 2021 Agricultural Testing Strategy Initiative (January 2021- December 2021)



## Agricultural Worker Testing Support

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- Objective: testing opportunities for agricultural workers preparing to return to farms in Washington State
- Working with Medical Teams International to provide testing and agricultural worker outreach
- Entering farmworkers will be tested twice, one week apart
  - Testing should begin as close to arrival as possible
- Testing is being completed with Abbott BinaxNOW antigen test (results in 15 minutes)
- PCR tests are available for those who are symptomatic, and the antigen test comes back negative

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## Main Branches of Testing

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1. MTI will provide on-site testing at farms or temporary worker housing for incoming seasonal migrant agricultural workers
2. MTI will work in partnership with local health jurisdictions to coordinate additional testing efforts
3. Local health jurisdictions and community health centers are already providing additional testing supports

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# H-2A Entrance Testing Summary

January Totals					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
675	7	1.04%	496	0	0.00%
February Totals					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
2202	7	0.32%	1255	2	0.16%
March Totals					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
2010	0	0.00%	529	0	0.00%
April Totals					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
486	3	0.62%	85	3	3.53%
May Totals					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
359	0	0.00%	43	1	2.33%
Totals to Date					
Entrance			Retest		
Taken	Positive	Percent	Taken	Positive	Percent
5732	17	0.30%	2408	6	0.25%

County	Samples		Percent
	Taken	Positive	
Benton	682	5	0.73%
Franklin	236	1	0.42%
Chelan	861	1	0.12%
Douglas	302	0	0.00%
Grant	2822	5	0.18%
Yakima	1549	4	0.26%
Adams	14	0	0.00%
Klickitat	65	0	0.00%
Okanogan	4	0	0.00%
Walla Walla	46	1	2.17%
Skagit	196	1	0.51%
King	22	0	0.00%
Pacific	4	0	0.00%
Snohomish	29	2	6.90%

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## Agricultural Worker Testing Initiative 2021 Growing Season: Entrance

### General Information

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in temporary worker housing units, the Washington State Department of Health is offering agricultural employers, growers, and housing operators an opportunity to have workers tested when they arrive in Washington. Recognizing that workers will be traveling from a number of communities in their home countries or from other states to live in congregate housing, DCH urges participation in this program. Together, we can promote a healthy start to the 2021 growing season.

Interested employers, growers, and housing operators are able to arrange on-site testing of workers within the first week after arrival and a follow-up test about seven days later. The department has contracted with Medical Teams International (MTI) to meet the anticipated need. MTI has testing teams ready and available to rapidly deploy mobile testing sites throughout the state.

Due to factors including irregular arrival patterns, delayed arrivals, and unforeseen circumstances, neither DCH nor MTI make any guarantee that testing will be available at a specific time or place. The department will attempt to coordinate with local health jurisdictions to fill in as many gaps possible.



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### Cost

At present, there is no cost for participating in this initiative. DCH reserves the right to implement a cost-sharing program for future testing efforts, and the department will provide advanced notice of the details of any such changes.

### Arranging a Mobile Testing Event

Employers, growers, and housing operators seeking to participate should contact Leslie Aaron, COVID-19 Clinic Manager, at [laaron@medicalteams.org](mailto:laaron@medicalteams.org).

### Additional Information

MTI has Spanish-speaking testing staff. Because staffing patterns vary, neither DCH nor MTI guarantee that bilingual staff will be available at every event.

Participation in this program is not required under the agricultural rules issued by the Governor's Office, the Department of Health, or the Department of Labor & Industries. Positive cases from this testing effort will not automatically trigger the workforce testing requirement for outbreaks in agricultural settings. See section (b) [here](#).

This initiative is not associated with vaccine planning or distribution. Questions about vaccines can be directed to [good.vaccine@doh.wa.gov](mailto:good.vaccine@doh.wa.gov).

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## Agricultural Stakeholder Meeting

Weekly Meetings

Over 100 Invitees

- Local Health Jurisdictions
- DOH staff

Space serves to share:

- Engagement efforts,
- Concerns / challenges / successes
- Recommendations
- Foster collaboration
- Identify DOH support needed

### Identifying opportunities to best support outreach and engagement efforts

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## Modalities

**Community Point-In-Time Vaccination Clinics** – LHJs, CHCs, and growers, shown to be effective at making vaccinations accessible to agricultural workers. Focusing on the community ethnic enclaves where agricultural worker families live, it will increase the chances that a larger proportion of agricultural workers gain access to the vaccines.

**On-Site Vaccinations** - Mobile on-site vaccination clinics would support the vaccination of an important subset of agricultural workers, foreign H2-A contract workers, that live in congregate settings and may get their groceries in the Ethnic Enclave Communities where domestic agricultural workers live. It is likely that domestic foremen and farm managers will benefit from these on-farm vaccination clinics.

**High Throughput Sites** - High throughput sites can reach some agricultural workers. Many are excluded from acquiring the vaccine this way by transportation issues, work schedules, family obligations, an unfamiliarity with the process, language barriers, and feeling intimidated by site characteristics.

## New Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Effort



# Care Van

Caravana de Salud

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We will work closely with community partners and local health jurisdictions to increase access to vaccine for priority communities

Request can be made here:

[Care-a-Van :: Washington State Department of Health](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Care-a-Van)

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## Care-A-Van

### ● Site Prioritization

- The Care-A-Van serves communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Requests that cover multiple priority areas below will be given higher priority:
- Counties with higher **vaccine gaps by race/ethnicity**.
- Communities with a high rank on the **Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) for COVID-19**.
- Sectors with recent outbreaks.
- Communities overrepresented in **COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths**.
- Demographic groups with **lower vaccination rates** compared to other groups.
- Groups not represented or underrepresented in current DOH data systems that have likely experienced COVID-19 health disparities and vaccine inequities.
- Geographic locations that have not had a visit from the DOH Care-A-Van.

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## Vaccination Data

- Challenge: Occupational data is not gathered at time of administration
  - Except the providers that use PrepMod which is a very small %
  - PrepMod all time data:
    - ~70% of entries indicated "other" under occupation
    - 2.6 % indicated "farmer" under occupation which is 19,485
  
- Weekly surveys to gather data have been sent to LHJs for the last ~3 months
  - Gathers plans, approximate vaccination numbers and DOH support needed

## LHJ Data Findings

- Note: All data is approximations reported by LHJs as this has not been gathered at the time of administration:
  - Total agriculture and food processing workers vaccinated in 37 counties that reported at some point during the data collection:
    - ~38,078
  
- Counties have been utilizing the following ways to vaccinate this population:
  - Employer-based clinics, mobile teams, mass vaccination sites, community pop-up clinics, pharmacy, other providers, community-based organizations, and houses of worship

# Cherry Harvest Camps

- 18 Counties involved
- Communication and Education
- Grower association, farm, and CBO involvement

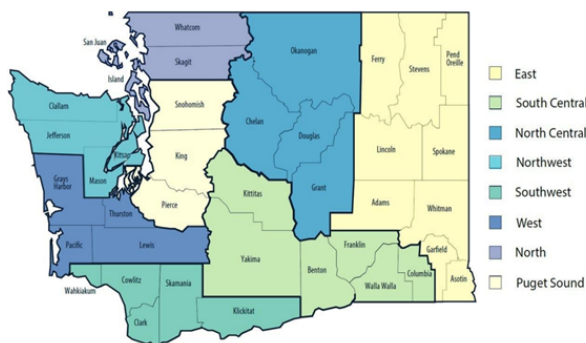


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## Regional Map of Washington – Regional Meetings

### Regions

The regions used in this report are largely based on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions used for evaluating available healthcare services given the concern for COVID-19's potential impact on the healthcare system. Regions are defined as illustrated in the map below.



Initial survey completed on March 10, 2021

Gather contact information, and Program needs – Operations and Partnering for Community Education and Outreach

Overall, 23 Counties Responded.

3 Did not request DOH Assistance  
 20 requested assistance for either:  
 Operations  
 Community Education and Outreach  
 Combination of both

## Agricultural Community Partners Space

Bi-Weekly Meetings

About 28 Agricultural partners

- Community health workers/health promotoras'
- Community-based organizations
- Advocates, faith-based partners
- Community media

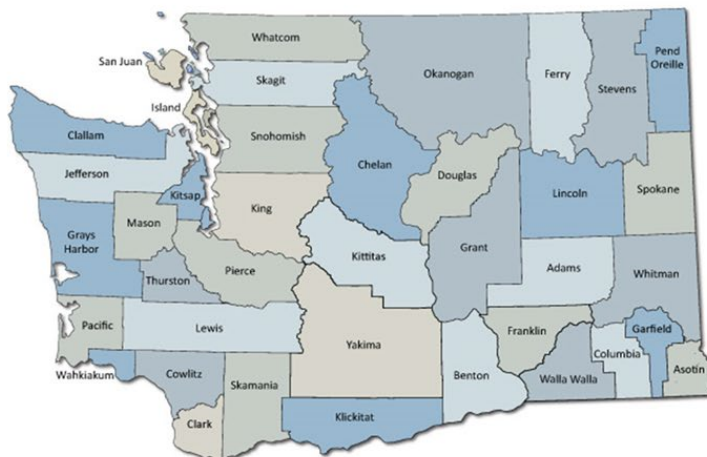
Space serves to share:

- Engagement efforts,
- Concerns / challenges / Successes
- Recommendations
- Foster collaboration

### Identifying opportunities to best support outreach and engagement efforts

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## Washington State Local Health Departments and Districts



COVID-19 Vaccine – Equity and Engagement: Website

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/VaccineInformation/Engagement>

Local Health Department / Jurisdiction Websites:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/PublicHealthSystem/LocalHealthJurisdictions>

## Washington Response COVID-19

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

### Get Updates, Subscribe:

[DOH Press Releases](#)

[DOH Public Health Connection Blog](#)

[DOH BienestarWA Spanish Blog](#)

#### You and Your Family

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family>

#### Workers

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/workers>

#### Businesses and Employers

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/business>

#### Health Care Providers

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/health-care-providers>

## DOH Site COVID-19

#### COVID-19 – Equity and Engagement

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/VaccineInformation/Engagement>

#### Capable of Filtering by Language:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/ResourcesandRecommendations>

## Resources and Recommendations

#### COVID-19 Vaccine: Communications; Multiple Languages

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/partner-toolkit/covid-19-vaccine-communications>

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/VaccineInformation/FrequentlyAskedQuestions#heading62070>

**DOH Site**  
**COVID-19 Vaccines – Toolkit for Businesses and Employers**

**Why Offer Covid-19 Vaccines at Work:**  
<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/covid-19-vaccines-toolkit-businesses-and-employers#1>

**Recommended Strategies and Checklist**  
<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/covid-19-vaccines-toolkit-businesses-and-employers#2>

**DOH VACCS Resource Guide to Support Community Led Vaccination Efforts**  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VACCSupportCommunityLedVaccinationEfforts.pdf>

**Resource Guide Spanish**  
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VACCSupportCommunityLedVaccinationEfforts-Spanish.pdf>

**CDC Site**  
**COVID-19**

**General and Detailed Information**  
Multiple Languages Available  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

**Communication Toolkit**  
Multiple Languages Available  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/communication-toolkit.html>

**Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html>

**Variants**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/index.html>



## King County Web site

### COVID-19 Vaccines - Toolkit

#### Covid-19 Vaccine Resources:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/distribution.aspx>

#### Myth Busting: Is it True?

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/facts.aspx>

#### Frequently asked Questions about COVID-19

Information Available in Multiple Languages

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/FAQ.aspx>

#### COVID-19 Information and Resources

Information Available in Multiple Languages

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19.aspx>

## Yakima County Website

### COVID-19

#### Covid-19 Vaccine Resources:

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2323/COVID-19>

#### COVID-19 Vaccine: General information and vaccination sites

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2472/COVID-19-Vaccine>

#### Business Resource Guide COVID-19

<https://www.chooseyakimavalley.com/covid19/>

#### Vacuna Contra COVID-19: Spanish

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2510/VACUNA-CONTRA-COVID-19>

# Educational Materials

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## Snapshot of the COVID-19 Vaccines

[Snapshot of the COVID 19 Vaccines \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Testing for Farmworkers

[PowerPoint Presentation \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Protecting your home after work

[AfterWorkCOVID19-English.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Temporary Worker Housing

[Guidance for Temporary Worker Housing \(wa.gov\)](#)

# Myths vs Facts

Quincy Community Health Center

<https://www.mlchc.org/blog/myths-vs-facts>

**Fact:** COVID-19 vaccine has gone through all the same trials and hard scientific study as any other vaccine or medication.

**Myth:** COVID-19 vaccine was made in a rush and therefore not safe.

**Fact:** Early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last long and may be different based on how bad the infection was. Getting the vaccine is still recommended.

**Myth:** I already had COVID-19, I do not need the vaccine.

**Fact:** After getting the vaccine, we do not know if you can still spread the virus. Continue using a mask and know a mask must be used at MLCHC.

**Myth:** I will not need to wear a mask after I get the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Fact:** COVID-19 Vaccines have not been found to affect male fertility. Actually, getting the COVID-19 infection has been shown to reduce male sperm counts and motility for up to 6 months after the infection.

**Myth:** COVID-19 Vaccine can affect male fertility

**Fact:** There is no vaccine microchip. The vaccine cannot track people or gather information. If you're worried about being tracked, stop using a cell phone and the internet.

**Myth:** COVID-19 vaccines contain microchips developed to control people.

**Fact:** The American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG), states that the COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to lactating and non-lactating individuals. Individuals considering a COVID-19 vaccine should have access to available information about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine, including information about data that is not available. Vaccines currently available under the Emergency Use Authorization have not been tested in pregnant women. Therefore, there are no safety data specific to use in pregnancy.

**Myth:** COVID-19 vaccines affect women during their childbearing years.

**Community Health Centers**

- Yakima Farm Workers Clinic
- Moses Lake Community Health Center
- Quincy Community Health Center
- Columbia Basin Health Association
- Tri-Cities Community Health
- Columbia Valley Community Health
- Family Health Centers
- Mattawa Medical Center
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- Community Health of Central Washington
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

**Promotoras de Salud**

- QCHC – Promotora (CHC)
- First Fruits – Promotora (Employer)
- Yakima Health District – Promotora (LHJ)
- C2C – Promotora (CBO)
- CSC Network – Lead (Coalition)

**Agencies**

- Labor & Industries
- Employment Security Dept.
- Dept of Agriculture
- Dept of Health

**Mobile and community vaccine pop-ups**

- Medical Teams International
- Health Commons
- Birdseye
- Aristo Healthcare Services

**Contracted Community Based Orgs**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAFÉ: The Community for Advancement of Family Education</li> <li>• Catholic Community Services</li> <li>• Centros de Servicios Comunitarios</li> <li>• CIELO Project Radio Ranch</li> <li>• Clark County Latino Youth Conference</li> <li>• Community 2 Community</li> <li>• Community Health Worker Coalition for Migrants and Refugees</li> <li>• Downtown Pasco Development Authority</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• El Centro de la Raza (The Center for People of All Races)</li> <li>• Entre Hermanos</li> <li>• Familias Unidas Economy and Ecology Project</li> <li>• Foundation for Multicultural Solutions</li> <li>• Hands and Voices</li> <li>• Hispanic Business/Professional Association and Foundation</li> <li>• Latino Educational Training Institute (LETI)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latinos en Spokane</li> <li>• Latinx Unidos del South Sound (LUSS)</li> <li>• Orquesta Northwest</li> <li>• Our Valley Our Future</li> <li>• Para Los Ninos (PLN)</li> <li>• Raiz of Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho</li> <li>• Spokane Immigrant Rights Coalition</li> <li>• Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Western Wa. National Association of Hispanic Nurses (WW-NAHN)</li> </ul> |
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## Contracted Community Media Outlets

- ➔ • Actitud Latina
  - KDNA FM 91.9
  - KKMO 1360 AM - Radio El Rey
  - KNTS 1680 AM - Radio Luz
  - KUNS-TV / KUNW-TV KXPA 1540 AM
- ➔ • La Nueva 103.3 FM and 92.1 FM - Alpha Media USA
  - La Pera
  - La Voz Newspaper
  - Latino Northwest Communications
- ➔ • Rainier Avenue Radio
  - Telemundo
  - Tu Decides/You Decide
  - VT Radio Tacoma

## Funding Opportunities

Vaccine equity initiative Funding: [ALLINWA](#)

*Funding priorities: - Farmworkers and agricultural workers, including meat processing workers; Immigrants and refugees; BIPOC, and other disproportionately impacted groups*

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## Examples of funded Community-Based Organization activities:

### **Our Valley Our Future**

Produce/send weekly e-newsletter with COVID information in Spanish and English

Partnered with Wenatchee World on a series of 3 1-hour online moderated events focusing on COVID issues important to the Chelan/Douglas counties LatinX community

Purchase Spanish language local radio ads (KZML, KZUS, KRZW) encouraging Latino residents to get vaccinated and where, when, and how they can do that.

### **Wenatchee Café**

'Si a la Vacuna' messaging delivered on banners, t-shirts, masks, sanitizer

Video recording of interviews with community members who have experienced COVID

Drive-through community events 'De mi corazon al tuvo' (distribute campaign info)

Un Buen Consejo series of posts for testing/vaccines on Facebook

1:1 outreach over the phone for vaccine appointment assistance

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## Examples of funded Community-Based Organization activities:

### Community 2 Community

Produce and post educational facebook videos with DOH messages and promotora COVID-19 curriculum in Spanish, Mixteco, Triqui, Mam, and Aguacateco

Promotora distribution of free PPE and share information on referral services for COVID recovery needs

Farmworker survey collaboration, planning and interviews

### Familias Unidas

Produce in-language videos to raise awareness of vaccine locations and phase finder in Trique, Mixteco, and Spanish, to post on Facebook

Produce in-language videos to increase awareness of different vaccines and share experiences from getting vaccinated Trique, Mixteco, and Spanish, to post on Facebook

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## Food Processing Workers

**Definition of Done:** This population is complete on May 1<sup>st</sup> or when all designated sites have been provided an opportunity to receive vaccine via an employer on-site clinic.

**Population:** Includes specifically those who work and/or live in a congregate setting interacting with high volume of co-workers (vs. animals) over extended periods of time (i.e. 3 or more hours in a 24-hour day). Also includes those working in fishing vessels. Estimates for this population includes 41,104 people.

**Access to Vaccine:** This population has access using the open to all scheduling applications. Additionally, some sites may have coordinated employee clinics to vaccinate staff in order to improve vaccine uptake and provide convenience to the hourly employees. Employers may coordinate with vaccine providers or LHJs to coordinate on-site clinics.

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