UNIVERSAL COVID-19 TESTING FOR INCOMING MIGRANT FARMWORKERS: MAINE'S EXPERIENCE

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Maine Mobile Health Program
1. Understand Maine's multi-partner model for rapid COVID-19 testing for farmworkers

2. Describe the importance of and strategies for addressing housing and other wrap-around services before and after testing

3. Identify strategies that can improve current testing programs and can be applied to vaccination programs
MAINE MOBILE HEALTH PROGRAM

• All mobile Federally Qualified Health Center

• Provide health services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and seafood processors across the state of Maine

• 78% of patients best served in a language other than English (Spanish, Haitian Creole, Patois)

• Community health worker model
THE TESTING MODEL

• Grower partnership (sick leave)
• Education of growers (webinars, constant advocacy)
• Rapid testing on arrival (Abbott ID NOW)
• Arrival hotel and quarantine/isolation hotel
• Supplies, layout of testing environment (mobile unit vs. one site)
• Pre-test counselling (individual vs. group)
ONE SITE TESTING ENVIRONMENT
HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

- Values of the testing environment
- Iterative process
- Partners (DHHS, Maine CDC, Mano en Mano, MaineHousing)
- Staffing (testing, hotel, support services including symptom checks)
- Sick pay vs overtime pay — grants to sick workers
- Non-traditional staffing (culturally and sensitive food preparation and service, transportation)
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NOU WE OU.

WE APPRECIATE YOU.
LOS APRECIAMOS.
NOU APRESYE OU.

WE THANK YOU.
LES AGRADEEMOS.
NOU REMESYE OU.

Valoramos todo lo que tu haces en nuestra comunidad.

¡Gracias!
STRATEGIES – WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- Patient-centered approach
- Listening sessions to help design
- Group events require planning for patient experience
- Vaccine hesitancy
- Manage grower expectations (scheduling, sick pay, overtime)
QUESTIONS?
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