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## A Message from Farmworker Health Network (FHN)

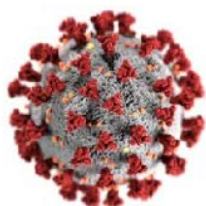
The **Farmworker Health Network (FHN)** stands with everyone impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), especially health providers and patients from special and vulnerable populations. In a consolidated effort to bring to you the latest updates, the FHN will be sending out this biweekly email with resources and information to keep you informed and assist you in continuing to serve your patient population. Information related to this pandemic changes daily, so we also encourage you to visit the [CDC's website](#) for additional updates that may impact your specific service areas.

### Resources



#### **AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Mental health is an important component of an individual's overall health. During times of crisis, like the current pandemic, it is especially critical to prioritize your mental health and practice self-care. Agricultural workers, however, may have more difficulty identifying, treating, and overcoming mental health concerns due to the multiple challenges they face including language barriers, poor access to health insurance, and high rates of poverty. Poor mental health affects an individual's productivity, their hobbies and motivations, their ability to handle life challenges, and their overall contentment and ability to enjoy life. NCFH has compiled some mental health resources that may be helpful as you navigate the impact of COVID-19 at your health center and continue to treat vulnerable patient populations, including agricultural workers. To view and download these resources, please visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#).



# The COVID-19 Pandemic and Mobile Patients

Migrant Clinicians Network is presently developing strategies and resources to support clinicians as they reach out to communities that are often overlooked and give care to patients who might otherwise have nowhere to go. We remain highly concerned for the vulnerable populations that already encounter numerous barriers to health and to care.

**Always presume that the virus is present.** Our understanding of its spread remains limited. Asymptomatic individuals may be unwittingly spreading the virus. In the absence of extensive testing and given our early understanding of the disease, take full precautions as if COVID-19 is present.

## MCN COVID-19 Resources

[Archived Webinars Specific to Covid-19](#)

[COVID-19 and Mobile Population Specific Resources](#)

[Mental Health Resources and Support for Frontline Clinicians](#)



## Low-Literacy and Multilingual Resources



To keep up to date, please subscribe to MCN's blog:  
<https://www.migrantclinician.org/community/blog.html>

You can also follow MCN on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

## What is Coronavirus (COVID-19)? Bilingual Infographic



OUTCOMES-DRIVEN  
EXPERIENCED  
INNOVATIVE

This infographic provides federal recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control on how to stay protected while out for necessities like groceries and medications, information on how to practice social distancing, and details on how to plan for an emergency. To access this resource in English and Spanish visit [here](#).

**Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF)** has been a leading source of information for immigration & policy updates, especially around the Public Charge ruling. They have continued creating updates for how the COVID-19 pandemic affects immigrant communities, including:



- FAQ: [COVID-19 Relief Legislation and Immigrants](#)
- [Immigrant Eligibility for Public Programs During COVID-19](#)
- Visit the PIF website for more information: [www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org](http://www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org)

## COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunity	Funder	Applicants Eligible	Target Population Eligible	Award Amount	Deadline
<b>Fast-Track Response: COVID-19</b>  To access more information visit <a href="#">here*</a>	Adira Foundation	Organizations providing a direct service, tool, or resource to address a concern exacerbated by COVID-19	Individuals with Alzheimer's disease, ALS, Huntington's disease, multiple sclerosis, or Parkinson's disease	\$10,000	Ongoing
<b>COVID-19 Relief Support</b>  To access more information visit <a href="#">here*</a>	Amgen Foundation	Health-related organizations	Unspecified	Unspecified	Ongoing
<b>COVID-19 Telehealth Program</b>  To access more information visit <a href="#">here*</a>	Federal Communications Commission	Nonprofit and public eligible healthcare providers	Unspecified	No funding cap but no more than \$1 million for one awardee	Unspecified

*\*Disclaimer: Funding opportunity information and external links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Farmworker Health Network (FHN).*



## **Farmworker Justice Policy Update:**

Representative Khanna and Senator Warren recently introduced an Essential Worker Bill of Rights. The Essential Worker Bill of Rights outlines policies aimed to protect essential workers, including farmworkers, for inclusion in the next COVID relief bill. These policies include health and safety protections, premium compensation for essential workers, and universal paid sick and family leave, among others. More information about the Essential Worker Bill of Rights can be found [here](#).



## **Farmworker Justice Policy Update**

Several states issued guidance through their state agencies regarding COVID-19 and agricultural workers. Oregon OSHA issued a temporary rule addressing COVID-19 in employer-provided housing, labor intensive agricultural operations, and agricultural transportation. The rule went into effect on May 11, 2020. Several other states issued COVID-19 guidance for agricultural employers. Consult your state's department of agriculture, department of health, or department of labor for any published guidance. Farmworker Justice has links to state guidance and rules on COVID-19 and agriculture on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).

# Upcoming Events

## AgWorker Health 102: Supporting Agricultural Worker Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic Webinar

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, EST

Health Centers serving the agricultural worker community are adept at addressing the unique needs of agricultural worker patients and families and developing innovative and strategic models of service delivery. The onslaught of COVID-19 in our communities is disrupting business as usual and health centers are quickly adapting to meet the new and expanding needs of their ag worker patients as the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates traditional barriers/challenges to care. In this webinar, presenters will share information on agricultural worker protections, health needs, and service delivery challenges, and provide an opportunity to highlight and share T/TA opportunities, resources, and promising practices to help support health center staff in the front lines of this pandemic.

To register, please visit this [link](#).

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## Recordings Now Available for the NCFH COVID-19 Webinar Series!

**COVID-19 Webinar Series:**  
Resource Sharing & Discussion with the Frontline  
Recordings & Slides Now Available

- Part 1:** Outreach Strategies during a pandemic to Increase Access to Care for Ag Workers
- Part 2:** Developing Relationships in Agricultural Industry for Enhanced Education, Communication, and Increase Access
- Part 3:** Addressing Social Determinants of Health and linkages to available resources
- Part 4:** Effective Diabetes Prevention & Management during Emergency Situations

If you missed our recent COVID-19 Webinar Series: Resource Sharing and Discussion with the Frontline, we now have the recordings and materials available for your review. You can listen to them [here](#), along with the rest of our Archived Webinars.





## Is COVID-19 Airborne? A Q&A with Chad Roy, PhD and Ed Zuroweste, MD

*Webinar from Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN)*

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm PDT, 3:00pm EDT**

The virus behind the COVID-19 pandemic can stay infectious in the air for more than 12 hours. What does this mean for clinicians on the frontlines? Do these findings change the recommendations clinicians make to patients? Please join MCN for a Q and A on this topic with Chad Roy, PhD a microbiologist and Director of the Infectious Disease Aerobiology and Biodefense research programs at Tulane University and Ed Zuroweste, MD, founding chief medical officer of Migrant Clinicians Network.

To register, please visit this [link](#).

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## The State of Farmworkers in the COVID-19 Era



Farmworker Justice is hosting a series of conversations focused on farmworkers and COVID-19 with farmworker advocates and leaders, including Dolores Huerta, Eva Longoria, and Congressman Raul Ruiz. You can find the conversations posted on Farmworker Justice's Facebook page and webpage by following this [link](#).

The **FHN** is committed to continuously serving our constituents, health providers, and patients across the country. We stand with you in solidarity during this difficult time!



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