

U.S. National Pulse on Infectious Diseases among Farmworkers

Keeping a pulse on the health of farmworkers in the U.S.

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The purpose of this National Pulse is to systematically collect and share timely, significant network insights, current media stories, and research about issues and trends concerning COVID-19, influenza, and other emerging infectious diseases among farmworkers in the U.S. The National Pulse includes...

1. findings from a national poll of farmworker-serving organizations;
2. insights from recent data collection efforts with farmworkers; and
3. a summary of recent research and media articles published

Network Insights

A poll was not circulated this month, however to view results from previous polls on various infectious disease topics, [check out our website](#) (scroll to the bottom). Previous polls were circulated in English and Spanish via email to a total of 284 network contacts. These contacts include **executive and outreach staff of Migrant Health Centers, farmworker-serving non-profit organizations, and health department staff**, and are all affiliated with NCFH through various networks and contracts. Participants serve farmworkers across many states in the U.S. and the vast majority work directly with farmworkers.

NCFH Data Collection Updates: Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments (FCCAs)

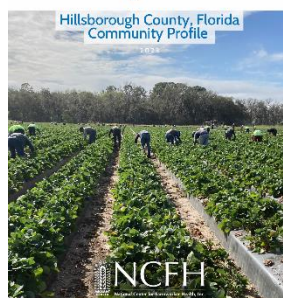
NCFH kicked off data collection for Phase 3 of the FCCAs in Hillsborough County, Florida. The assessment happened between March 9-12. A total of 314 farmworkers were surveyed, including 144 H-2A guest workers.

The second community assessed was the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, which includes the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr. Data collection in this community happened in April 23-16. A total of 327 farmworkers were surveyed, including 53 H-2A guest workers.

NCFH is expected to do an additional 4 FCCAs this summer.

To learn more about NCFH's Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments, [CLICK HERE](#).

Farmworker COVID-19 Community Assessments



Media & Research

Media Articles

[Farmworkers call on Florida Legislature to take up heat illness prevention bill](#)

WUSF, March 13, 2023

[Newsom's \\$42 Million in Aid for Flooded Farmworkers Is Actually Old COVID Funding](#)

KQED, March 16, 2023

[Scammers attempting to defraud farmworkers out of COVID-19 relief payments](#)

KESQ, March 27, 2023

[Policy Brief: Pandemic Changes to Medi-Cal and Implications for California's Immigrant Farmworkers](#)

Public Policy Institute of California, March 2023

[Storms, Floods, and COVID-19 Have Worsened Long-standing Farmworker Housing Challenges](#)

Public Policy Institute of California, April 12, 2023

Research Articles

This section includes research articles published within the last two months.

[COVID-19 and the power of indigenous, Mexican-origin farmworker families in the US Pacific Northwest](#)

March 2023

This article comments on the exploitation of Indigenous agricultural workers in Washington state and their systemically compounded health crisis during the pandemic. The author documents farmworker's accounts of seeking to resolve their own health needs.

[Critical Environmental Justice and Pandemic Events: Florida Farm Work during COVID-19](#)

March 2023

This article is about the connection between critical environmental justice (CEJ) and its application to the exposure of infectious diseases among farmworker's working and housing sites as well as the response from the community. Drawing from a case study in Florida, the author discusses lessons learned from outreach efforts during the pandemic.

[Vulnerabilities and Collective Care: Indigenous Guatemalan and Mexican Farmworkers in Diaspora Confronting COVID-19 in the Western United States](#)

February 2023

This article uses the findings from the Oregon COVID-19 Farmworkers Study (COFS), to connect discrimination and differentiation results in different health and economic outcomes for Indigenous farmworkers. The author describes how Indigenous workers attempted to establish their own community care during the pandemic.



[Un Respiro de Vida, a breath of life: Giving wings to farmworker families during the COVID crisis](#)

March 2023

The author of this chapter suggests best practices for supporting the farmworker community during COVID-19 and other natural disasters. She shares a story from Ayudando Latinos A Sonar, a farmworker-serving nonprofit in Northern California, to support the effectiveness of bringing care to worksites and the necessity of advocacy and support for farmworker families.



READ THE [NCFH COVID-19 IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL WORKERS FACT SHEET!](#)

THIS FACT SHEET IS UPDATED QUARTERLY TO BRING THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL WORKERS.