Sample COVID-19 Outreach Protocol Word Doc

Sample protocol can be reviewed and adopted by agencies providing outreach services to farmworkers

**Protocol for COVID-19 Risk Reduction for Outreach Services**

1. If possible, prior to visiting a camp or residence, call a worker or crew boss to ask if there is anyone ill with fever or cough. If yes, try to either:
   1. Contact farmworkers by phone to assess their symptoms and conduct a telephone health assessment if possible (use **Protocol for phone call with symptomatic farmworker)**
   2. If it is not possible to contact the farmworkers by phone, limit the number of outreach staff who visit the camp to 2 (if outreach has not been prohibited by your agency)
   3. Communicate with farmworkers outside maintaining 6 feet of physical distance and wearing a fabric mask or surgical mask.
2. If a person with fever and cough is discovered on outreach:
   1. All but two outreach workers should immediately leave the camp
   2. The remaining outreach workers should put fabric or surgical masks on themselves first and give one to the patient
   3. Put on gloves
   4. Talk to the person with symptoms outside maintaining six feet of physical distance or preferably by phone from inside your car (use **Protocol for phone call with farmworker who reports fever or cough)**
   5. Before getting into your car, remove gloves first and dispose of them in a sealable plastic bag (Remember, the outside of your gloves are contaminated! Please practice removing them safely as described below)

* Using a gloved hand, grasp the palm area of the other gloved hand and peel off first glove
* Hold removed glove in gloved hand
* Slide fingers of ungloved hand under remaining glove at wrist and peel off second glove over first glove
* Discard gloves in a sealable plastic bag
* After glove removal, immediately wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
  1. Remove mask second and dispose of it in the sealable plastic bag
* Front of mask/respirator is contaminated — DO NOT TOUCH!
* If your hands get contaminated during mask/respirator removal, immediately wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
* Grasp bottom ties or elastics of the mask/respirator, then the ones at the top, and remove without touching the front
* Discard in a sealable plastic bag
* Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based sanitizer prior to entering your car

1. Do NOT transport sick or well appearing workers in your car. Between 25-50% of infections are asymptomatic.
2. Call the health department of the county in which the farmworker resides to report a possible case of Covid-19 and get their recommendations. Recognize that they may become overwhelmed with cases and unable to do contact testing.
3. With the permission of the farmworker, contact the grower as they are obligated to isolate this sick farmworker from the other workers, and to quarantine the exposed coworkers.
4. After the visit, make sure to share the information collected with a provider at your agency or your clinical supervisor so that they are aware that you had contact with a patient that has symptoms and that per protocol, you notified the county health department and you either referred to person to the emergency department (in cases that the patient has shortness of breath or can’t walk to the bathroom alone) or that you will be monitoring by phone a sick patient who did not yet need to go to the ED
5. Document the case on your tracking log so that you can provide regular follow up check-ins by phone