

Spring Training QUICK LINKS Cheat Sheet, June 2021

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1. Qualtrics Case Reporting

https://ncruralhealth.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/preview/SV_9oyeKwkMI4eBBH?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current

- ❖ Contact person: NCFHP Data and Quality Specialist, Kate Furgurson, Kate.Furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov

2. PPE Supply Requests

- DHHS PPE: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/requesting-ppe>
 - ❖ Contact person: COVID Response team, Kate Douglass, Kate.Douglass@dhhs.nc.gov OR Nicandro Maldonado Acevedo, Nicandro.Acevedo@dhhs.nc.gov
- Agromedicine Institute:
 - Cost-share funds up to \$2,000/farm to support cost of sanitation equipment and/or supplies.
 - Examples:
 - Hand soap or sanitizer dispensers
 - Field sanitation stations
 - Sanitation fogging machines
 - Touchless faucets
 - Foot pull door openers
 - Box fans/air circulation units
 - Tents/tarps for outdoor dining areas
 - Submit application for reimbursement with original receipts
 - Funds available until expended
 - Check with the Institute for other supplies available at no cost or through other cost share programs (e.g., gloves, N95s, other pesticide-related PPE)
 - Funds/supplies available until exhausted

- ❖ Contact Person/All requests to the Institute come to Robin Tutor (TUTORR@ECU.EDU) via Kate Douglass (Kate.douglass@dhhs.nc.gov)

3. Transportation Resources

- AgroMedicine Institute Resources:
 - For farms needing to rent additional vans to reduce # of workers per vehicle
 - Reimburse farms for up to \$200/day per vehicle for 30 days
 - Submit application for reimbursement with original receipts
 - Funds available until expended
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4. Testing Resources Requests

- Just swabs and processing from state lab?
- State testing vendor (Optum, Starmed, Resourceful Clinical Labs)?
 - Request either at: <https://forms.gle/aMvGiMNreYAZhcDA9>
- How to obtain Abbott BinaxNOW from DHHS
 - Can use state portal to request, farmworker testing given a priority (request a 4-6 weeks supply) [Link to portal](#)
 - Or use this email NCDHHS_Antigen@dhhs.nc.gov

Considerations:

- Must have a CLIA waiver
- Can pay a \$180 fee and register, can take up to 2 months
- Best to have a partner with a CLIA waiver, most clinics and hospitals will have them
- Can test under the Statewide Order
- All testing personnel must have completed manufacturer training modules
<https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/support/product-installation-training/navica-brand/navica-binaxnow-aq-training.html>
- Must report all positives to the local Health department
- Must report all results, negative and positive to the state using this portal
- [Link to portal](#)
 - ❖ Contact Person: NCFHP Medical Director, Dr. Gayle Thomas, gayle.b.thomas@dhhs.nc.gov

5. Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) Options - Quarantine and Isolation Resources

- DHHS Resources: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/housing-and-sheltering/non-congregate-sheltering>
 - See "Access Points" link
 - ❖ Contact person: COVID Response team, Nicandro Maldonado Acevedo, Nicandro.Acevedo@dhhs.nc.gov, OR Kate Douglass, Kate.Douglass@dhhs.nc.gov

- AgroMedicine Institute Resources and Application: <http://www.ncagr.gov/QuarantineReimbursementProgram.htm>
 - Isolation and Quarantine Housing
 - Reimbursement available for isolation & quarantine housing:
 - \$150/night + \$40/day for meals
 - May be direct payment to housing provider &/or reimbursement to grower
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- **NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:**
 - H2A Farmworker Quarantine Reimbursement Program. Employers who have farm workers with valid H2A visas can soon apply for assistance through the NCDA&CS COVID-19 Farm Worker Quarantine Reimbursement program. A total of \$2 million will be available through this program. The N.C. General Assembly approved the funding for this aid program, which comes from federal COVID-19 funds earmarked for North Carolina.

The application period will open [on April 16](#) and will continue [through December 15, 2021](#) or when program funds are exhausted. For the purposes of this program, employers who have farm workers with valid H2A visas will be eligible for reimbursement of the cost of meals and lodging for the duration of the quarantine period, not to exceed the per diem rates for federal employees. The employer on record for the farm worker with a valid H2A visa may submit reimbursement requests on behalf of any farm worker requiring to be quarantined following a positive test for COVID-19, provided the employer covered the initial eligible expenses out-of-pocket on behalf of the farm worker.

The program will be for expenses incurred from March 11, 2021 through the 2021 growing season.

Further details and links to the application documents can be found at <http://www.ncagr.gov/QuarantineReimbursementProgram.htm>.

Please feel free to distribute this information to interested parties including, but not limited to, farmers, commodity groups, and local and state agencies who have involvement with farmworkers and local public health.

6. Farmworker Vaccination Efforts

If you would like to get connected to a local team, interested in learning more about state local vaccination vendor resources, OR any vaccination related questions/needs, please reach out to either of the contacts below:

- ❖ General Contact: vaccine4farmworkers@dhhs.nc.gov
- ❖ Contact person: COVID Response team, Nicandro Maldonado Acevedo, Nicandro.Acevedo@dhhs.nc.gov, OR Kate Douglass, Kate.Douglass@dhhs.nc.gov

7. Partners

- NC Cooperative Extension:
 - Portal and County Contacts: <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/>
 - What is Extension and how does it work? <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/how-extension-works/>
 - CRD- Latino Program Portal: <https://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/latino-programs/>
 - Toolkit Links
 - English: <https://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/2021/04/new-covid-19-and-vaccine-educational-toolkit/>
 - Spanish: <https://communitydevelopment.ces.ncsu.edu/2021/03/nueva-herramienta-educativa-sobre-covid-19-y-vacunas/>

Resources specific to Health Stress:

- [Heat Stress | NIOSH | CDC](#)
- This presentation provides general safety and health information on heat stress and should be modified to address site-specific conditions and hazards: [Heat Stress Presentation | NC DOL](#)

Resources specific to Green Tobacco Sickness:

- Green Tobacco Sickness Resources: [CDC - Green Tobacco Sickness - NIOSH Workplace Safety and Health Topics](#)
 - ❖ Contact Person (Coop Ext&Farm Safety Team): Roberto Rosales, Farmworker Health and Safety Educator, N.C. Cooperative Extension, rmrosale@ncsu.edu
Olivia Antonio, Farm Safety Team Olivia.Ventura@dhhs.nc.gov

- ❖ Contact Person: Robin Tutor Marcom, NC Agromedicine Institute, TUTORR@ECU.EDU

- Legal Aid Resources:
 - Legal Aid, N.C. Farmworker Unit
 - ❖ “Trabajadores Agrícolas”: <https://www.facebook.com/trabajadoresagricolaslanc/>
 - ❖ “Farmworker Unit”: <https://www.facebook.com/farmworkerunit>
 - ❖ Contact Person: Caitlin Ryland, Supervising Attorney, Legais Aid N.C. Caitlin Ryland, CaitlinR@legalaidnc.org

 - N.C. Justice Center
 - ❖ Contact Person: Clermont Ripley, Co-Director Worker’s Rights Project N.C. Justice Center, clermont@ncjustice.org

- Farmworker Advocacy Network (FAN)
 - FLAN Database: Register here -<https://flan.rad.cat/>
 - ❖ Contact Person: Lucy Thames, lucy@ncfwp.org

- Community Health Worker Association
 - CHW Education Courses/Credits: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/office-rural-health/community-health-workers/community-health-worker-training>
 - ❖ Contact Person: Honey Estrada, honey@catawbacountync.gov