



Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee

Meeting details

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual meeting due to COVID-19

Committee members present

- Michele Besso
- Jonathan DeVaney
- Michael Gempler
- Rosalinda Guillen
- Delia Peña
- Jeff Perrault
- Victoria Ruddy

Non-voting agency representatives

- Uriel Iniguez
- Todd Phillips
- Ignacio Marquez

Committee members absent

- Ramon Torres

ESD staff

- Gustavo Aviles
- Craig Carroll
- Norma Chavez
- Alberto Isiordia
- Tamara Johnson
- Rene Maldonado
- Juan Martinez
- Dan Zeitlin

Summary

Meeting Recorded

This meeting was recorded and is available on <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/Ag-committee>

Welcome and Introductions

Agricultural & Seasonal Workforce Services Director, Norma Chavez, welcomed everyone and asked Tamara Johnson to take roll. All voting members except Ramon Torres were present.

Agenda

Norma Chavez reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. (See Addendum I.)

Meeting Minutes

Recording timestamp **00:08:29**

Norma Chavez requested that everyone review the meeting minutes for February 18, 2021 and provide their feedback. Committee members asked to have the top two goals from the goals exercise added to the minutes. The minutes will be updated to reflect the request and will be presented for approval at the April 15, 2021 meeting.

ASWS Office Update

Recording timestamp **00:15:55**

Norma introduced the new Compliance Supervisor, Oscar Cerda.

H-2A Application Data ReportRecording timestamp **00:28:30**

Norma Chavez reported on H-2A application data.

Status of Applications	# of Applications	# of Workers Requested/ Labor Certifications*
Received/Processed	207	19,777
Commenced	85	9,342
Withdrawn	4	Not available

*The numbers reported are not reflective of the number of foreign workers that actually arrive in Washington State.

Customer Experience StudyRecording timestamp **00:31:30**

Oscar Cerda presented an informational overview regarding the direction of the customer experience study.

Appropriations LetterRecording timestamp **01:22:34**

Dan Zeitlin provided information regarding an ESD congressional federal appropriations request letter for the WA delegation to include increased funding for Foreign Labor Certification grants.

L&I UpdatesRecording timestamp **01:29:00**

Uriel Iniguez presented L&I inspection reports. (See Addendum II.)

DOH UpdatesRecording timestamp **01:59:00**

Jim Whittington, Heather Drummond, Frances Limtiaco, Andy Cervantes presented COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations information. (See Addendum III.)

Next Agenda ItemsRecording timestamp **02:47:00**

- ASWS and COVID updates.

Public CommentsRecording timestamp **02:51:20**

Edgar Franks – Familias Unidas

Adjourned

Dan Zeitlin thanked everyone for their continued active participation and for their commitment to this work, then ended the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

2021 Meetings

The next Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Advisory Committee meeting is on:

- **April 15, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – WebEx Meeting**

Addendums

ADDENDUM I.



AGENDA

 Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services (ASWS)
 Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 18, 2021 | 8:30 am – 11:30 am | WebEx

Agenda Items

TIME	TOPIC
8:30 am	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from Dan Zeitlin, Director, ESD Policy, Data, Performance and Integrity Division & Norma Chavez, Director – Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services Agenda Review
8:40 am	Approval of Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 18, 2021
8:45 am	ASWS Office Update – Norma Chavez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance Supervisor
9:00 am	Update on FLC applications – Norma Chavez
9:10 am	Customer Experience Study – Norma Chavez
9:50 am	Break
10:05 am	Appropriations Letter – Dan Zeitlin
10:15 am	L&I Update – Uriel Iniguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss L&I reports as to the number of inspections per housing/per citation/per visit based on report supplied by L&I.
10:30 am	DOH Update – Todd Phillips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations - Frances Limtiaco and Katie Meehan
10:45 am	Closing Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next agenda items
10:55 am	Public Comments
11:00 am	Adjourn

GROUND RULES

No side conversations | Phones on silent | Let people speak without interruption | Respect the opinion of others | Strive for understanding | Speak your mind |
 Strive for common ground | Assume good intent | Stay focused on task at hand and be willing to come back to the topic | Make sure everyone understands |
 Look out for each other | Take care of your own comfort | Ask for what you need

ADDENDUM II.

DOSH Interventions in the Agriculture Industry
Citation Issued - January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020

DOSH Interventions in Ag*													
AG INDUSTRY* Inspection Stats for Inspections Issued to Employers	CITATION ISSUED YEAR & MONTH		2020										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
TOTAL INSPECTIONS ISSUED	16	9	15	6	24	85	31	47	17	54	85	33	422
Percent of all Inspections	4.0%	2.4%	4.3%	4.1%	8.8%	13.9%	9.9%	10.8%	5.1%	14.9%	23.4%	8.8%	9.7%
Inspections with Violations	15	7	7	6	9	31	11	17	12	15	32	15	177
No Violation Inspections	1	2	8	0	15	54	20	30	5	39	53	18	245
% of Inspections with No Violations	6.3%	22.2%	53.3%	0.0%	62.5%	63.5%	64.5%	63.8%	29.4%	72.2%	62.4%	54.5%	58.1%
Inspection Type	Inspection Count												
Fatality Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	7	11
Reported Hospitalization Inspections	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	8	1	2	5	2	26
Complaint Inspections	6	0	1	1	4	13	4	8	3	3	8	2	53
Referral Inspections	1	2	1	2	8	22	19	16	7	5	8	5	96
Scheduled/Programmed Inspections	4	5	11	3	12	48	6	12	5	44	62	16	228
Other Inspection Types	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	8
Employer Size	# Inspections / # Violations												
1 - 10 Employees	3 / 24	3 / 7	4 / 2	2 / 5	4 / 13	20 / 56	4 / 19	8 / 24	4 / 21	6 / 26	5 / 14	5 / 5	67 / 216
11 - 25 Employees	2 / 2	0 / 0	4 / 12	1 / 1	3 / 13	11 / 25	0 / 0	3 / 3	2 / 5	6 / 2	9 / 4	4 / 0	45 / 67
26 - 100 Employees	5 / 12	5 / 13	7 / 5	1 / 4	4 / 1	15 / 3	5 / 2	9 / 7	3 / 1	13 / 4	21 / 12	10 / 10	98 / 83
101 - 250 Employees	4 / 11	1 / 2	0 / 0	1 / 3	4 / 1	19 / 0	10 / 4	7 / 4	1 / 8	12 / 3	12 / 14	3 / 1	74 / 51
251 or more Employees	2 / 2	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 2	9 / 3	20 / 5	12 / 3	20 / 9	7 / 14	18 / 8	38 / 19	11 / 35	138 / 100
Total Inspections / Violations	16 / 51	9 / 22	15 / 19	6 / 15	24 / 31	85 / 89	31 / 28	47 / 47	17 / 49	54 / 43	85 / 72	28 / 22	422 / 517
AG INDUSTRY* Violation Stats	General Violations												
Willful Vios	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
Serious Vios	17	3	6	11	12	9	9	16	11	21	39	19	173
Repeat Vios	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	6
Failure to Abate Vios	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Serious & Above Violations	17	3	7	11	12	9	9	16	14	21	42	43	204
% Serious or Higher Cited	33.3%	13.6%	36.8%	73.3%	38.7%	10.1%	32.1%	34.0%	28.6%	48.8%	58.3%	84.3%	39.5%
General Violations	34	19	12	4	19	80	19	31	35	22	30	8	313
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED	51	22	19	15	31	89	28	47	49	43	72	51	517
TOTAL ASSESSED PENALTIES	\$39,000	\$5,400	\$14,500	\$22,100	\$27,000	\$9,800	\$19,500	\$30,100	\$51,500	\$36,400	\$137,100	\$2,077,500	\$2,469,900

COVID RELATED INSPECTIONS	CITATION ISSUED YEAR & MONTH		2020										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Inspections with Violations	0	0	0	0	1	7	5	6	4	11	23	12	69
No Violation Inspections	0	0	0	0	13	44	19	18	3	34	49	13	193
Total COVID Ag Inspections	0	0	0	0	14	51	24	24	7	45	72	25	262
% of all Ag Inspections	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	58.3%	60.0%	77.4%	51.1%	41.2%	83.3%	84.7%	75.8%	62.1%
COVID Penalties Assessed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,200	\$0	\$5,700	\$12,100	\$44,000	\$29,200	\$104,000	\$2,062,800	\$2,271,000

TWH RELATED INSPECTIONS	CITATION ISSUED YEAR & MONTH		2020										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Inspections with Violations	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	20	10	45
No Violation Inspections	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	31	41	9	85
Total TWH Inspections	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	42	61	19	130
% of all Ag Inspections	12.5%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	8.5%	0.0%	77.8%	71.8%	57.6%	30.8%

ALL INDUSTRY INTERVENTIONS for comparison	CALENDAR YEAR		2020										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Inspections Issued	397	374	349	147	272	610	313	437	331	362	363	374	4,329
Total Consultations Visits	196	243	236	72	118	176	135	134	139	147	115	109	1,820

AG INDUSTRY* Consultations	AG CONSULTATION VISITS												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
AG CONSULTATION VISITS	20	27	34	6	20	26	14	22	20	20	6	19	234
Percent of all Consultation Visits	10.2%	11.1%	14.4%	8.3%	16.9%	14.8%	10.4%	16.4%	14.4%	13.6%	5.2%	17.4%	12.9%

Rank	Top 10 Cited WAC Code Violations in Agriculture*	Times Cited
1	WAC 296-307-16102: Protect Occupants from COVID-19 in Temporary Worker Housing	42
2	WAC 296-901-14010: Written Hazard Communication	26
3	WAC 296-307-045: What are the Requirements of the Safe Place Standard?	24
4	WAC 296-307-030: Accident Prevention Program	22
5	WAC 296-901-14016: Employee Information & Training	16
6	WAC 296-901-14014: Safety Data Sheets	15
7	WAC 296-307-34015: Fire Protection: Exit Routes	14
8	WAC 296-307-14505: What Records Must an Employer Keep For Pesticide Applications?	14
9	WAC 296-307-10830: Display Requirements for Pesticide Safety & Hazards	12
10	WAC 296-307-033: Requirements for Safety Meetings	12

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Inspections by Employer Site NAICS		2020												Total
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
111331	APPLE ORCHARDS	4		2		8	14	6	7	3	14	29	14	97
115114	POSTHARVEST CROP ACTIVITIES (EXCE			1		7	38	10	13	3	9	6	2	93
111339	OTHER NONCITRUS FRUIT FARMING	3		3	3	3	10	6	6	5	12	14	6	71
115115	FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS AND CRE	2		2		1		1	4		7	7	2	26
111998	ALL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CROP FARMING					2	6	2	3	2	3	6	1	25
111332	GRAPE VINEYARDS	1	1			1	4		6		2	1	2	18
111419	OTHER FOOD CROPS GROWN UNDER	1	4	4			3		1	3		1		17
115116	FARM MANAGEMENT SERVICES							1			4	8	1	14
111219	OTHER VEGETABLE (EXCEPT POTATO)	1	1				1	3	1		1	3		11
111421	NURSERY AND TREE PRODUCTION		1	1	1	1		1	1			3	1	10
112120	DAIRY CATTLE AND MILK PRODUCTION		1	1	1	1	2			1		1	2	10
112111	POTATO FARMING	2		1					1		1	1	1	7
115310	SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR FORESTRY		1				1				1	1		4
111334	BERRY (EXCEPT STRAWBERRY) FARMIN	1					1					2		4
111411	MUSHROOM PRODUCTION						1		1			2		4
112310	CHICKEN EGG PRODUCTION				1		1							2
112112	CATTLE FEEDLOTS						1		1					2
111422	FLORICULTURE PRODUCTION						1						1	2
115112	SOIL PREPARATION, PLANTING, AND C	1						1						2
111140	WHEAT FARMING								1					1
111940	HAY FARMING								1					1
112111	BEEF CATTLE RANCHING AND FARMING						1							1
Total		16	9	15	6	24	85	31	47	17	54	85	33	422

*Ag data excludes the following Site NAICS (11) Codes from the counts: 113 Forestry & Logging and 114 Fishing, Hunting & Trapping
**Last Updated 1/4/2020 -> Citation Issue Date between 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020

Inspections Issued by County and City		2020												Total
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
ADAMS	Mattawa					0	1	0	0		2	2		5
	Othello						1				6	8	2	17
	Ritzville	1												1
	Total	1				0	2	0	0		8	10	2	23
BENTON	Benton City	2	1	1	1	1	3			1	1	1	2	14
	Kennewick						2		2				1	5
	Plymouth						1							1
	Prosser					1	5		1		4		1	12
	Total	2	1	1	1	2	11		3	1	5	1	4	32
CHELAN	Cashmere	2						2			2		2	8
	Chelan										3		1	4
	Malaga								1					1
	Manson									2		1		5
	Monitor											1		1
	Peshastin						1							1
	Wenatchee	1					1	2	1					5
Total	3					2	4	2	2	7	2	3	25	
CLALLAM	Forks		1											1
	Total		1											1
CLARK	Vancouver										1			1
	Total										1			1
COLUMBIA	Dayton					1								1
	Total					1								1
DOUGLAS	Bridgeport											3	2	5
	East Wenatchee						2	1	1					4
	Orondo				1	1	2	1	1			3	3	12
	Total			1	1	4	2	2			6	5	2	21
FERRY	Republic											1		1
	Total											1		1
FRANKLIN	Connell						2							2
	Eltopia						1				1			2
	Mesa			2		2	1				1	2		8
	Pasco	1	1			1	4	2	7		1			17
	Total	1	1	2		3	8	2	7		3	2		29
GRANT	Ephrata							1					1	2
	Hartline			1										1
	Mattawa					1	0	1	1		4	0		7
	Moses Lake										1			1
	Quincy		1	1			4		1		3	14	3	27
	Royal City	1					1		1		3	5	1	12
	Total	1	1	2		1	5	2	3		11	19	5	50
GRAYS HARBOR	Elma									2				2
	Total									2				2
KING	Auburn						1							1
	Seattle						1							1
	Woodinville		1	1			1		1					4
	Total		1	1			3		1					6

Addendum III.



VACCINE PLANNING UPDATE
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

March 18, 2021

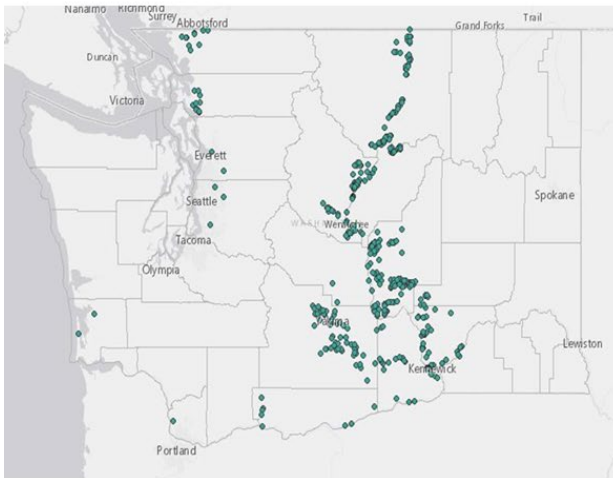
Population	Population Breakdown	Strategies	Modalities	Access/Outreach	Population
Migrant and seasonal agricultural workers, including H2-A workers.	An average of approximately 69,000 migrant and seasonal agricultural workers were estimated to be in Washington State from 2017-2019. Over 80% of the jobs were in 10 counties: Yakima, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Benton, Franklin, Okanogan, Adams, Walla Walla, and Klickitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LHJ Existing Plans • Federal Pharmacy Program • Community Health Centers • MTI Testing/Vaccine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional (HOS, Pharmacy, Local Clinic) • LHJ hosted Point-in-Time Vaccination Clinics in ethnic enclaves with high number of agricultural workers • Point-in-Time Vaccination Clinics in ethnic enclaves (in partnership with DOH) with high number of agricultural workers • On-Site Vaccination Clinics hosted by employers of Agricultural Workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grower Associations and Farms • Online Scheduling • Non-electronic scheduling options • Community-based organizations • Culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach and services • Spanish language media outlets • Worker trainings 	On average, 68,981 seasonal agricultural jobs.

Allocation and Modalities

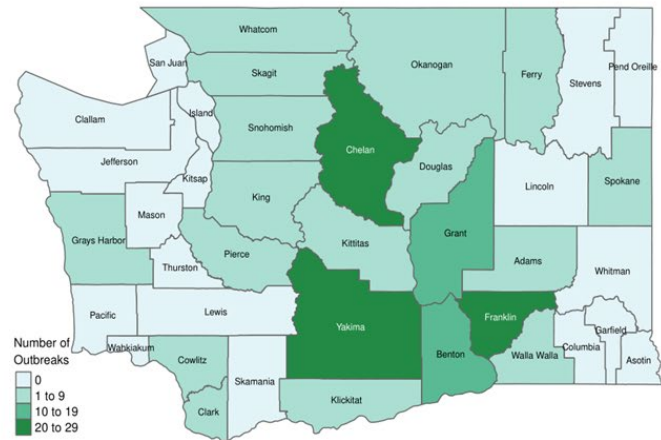
Community Point-In-Time Vaccination Clinics - LHJs and CHCs can be effective at making vaccinations accessible to vulnerable populations that include agricultural workers. By focusing on the community ethnic enclaves where agricultural worker families live, it will increase the chances that a larger proportion of agricultural workers gain access to the vaccines.

On-Site Vaccinations - Mobile on-site vaccination clinics would support the vaccination of an important subset of agricultural workers, foreign H2-A contract workers, that live in congregate settings and may get their groceries in the Ethnic Enclave Communities where domestic agricultural workers live. It is likely that domestic foremen and farm managers will benefit from these on-farm vaccination clinics.

High Throughput Sites - High throughput sites may reach some agricultural workers, but many are excluded from acquiring the vaccine this way by transportation issues, work schedules, family obligations, an unfamiliarity with the process, and language barriers.



This map indicates the location of farmworker housing throughout the state.

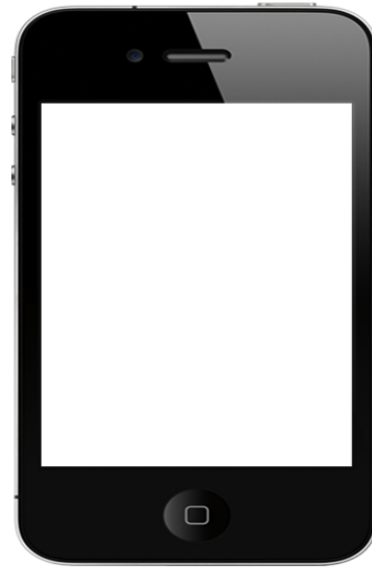


Vaccine priorities will be influenced by the extent of outbreaks in agricultural counties.

Communication and Engagement

A communication strategy and coordination plan will exist between DOH, community partners, the Gov's office, other state agency partners, LHJs, Growers/Associations, providers, other states, and other federal agency partners to operationalize this plan until vaccination is completed.

DOH and LHJs will provide focused communication to communities directly through existing channels. DOH will provide broad communication to the public through existing channels. Messaging will be shared between the LHJs and DOH to ensure a consistent message.



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KEY CHANNELS

From the COVID-19 Farmworker Study of Washington 2020



Television is how most agricultural workers reported getting information about COVID-19 (67%)

Worker Trainings are another way agricultural workers reported getting information about COVID-19 (48%).

Social Media is the third highest way agricultural workers reported getting information about COVID-19 (46%).

Family (36%)

Spanish-Language Radio (35%)

Community Health Clinics (30%)

Friends (26%)

Doctor (15%) - May be due to lack of access to a personal doctor.

**MESSAGING –
TALKING POINTS**

**Vaccine/
COVID-19**

Daily Life

At Work

Anti-stigma

Language Considerations

- Spanish
- Mixteco Alto
- Mixteco Bajo
- Triqui
- Zapoteco
- Akateco
- Mam
- Chuj
- K'anjob'al
- Hmong
- Tagalog

EQUITY IN COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

GOAL: Ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine to the communities most disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Engage	Integrate	Invest in and leverage	Ensure	Strengthen	Support
Engage communities and foster opportunities for collaboration to inform vaccine planning and allocation.	Integrate a pro-equity approach into vaccine allocation and distribution.	Invest in and leverage trusted community leaders, messengers, and organization.	Ensure all communications, education, and outreach efforts are culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible.	Strengthen the public health system’s ability to center communities in vaccine outreach and access.	Support a trauma-informed approach to vaccine communications and engagement.

Chelan-Douglas: Plan Snapshot

Plans: Have met with clinical providers to divide up agriculture workers based on geographic location. Focus on large local employers to open up and register H2A workers for Mass Vaccinations and support mobile groups to go out to different workers.

Mass Vaccination at TTC: Many of the groups will be able to go to TTC

Cascade Medical Center (Leavenworth): Hoping to reestablish a local free clinic through Upper Valley MEND. Plan to support agricultural workers in DOH assigned tier 1B2. Needs Vaccine.

Columbia Valley Community Health (Multiple Locations): Starting mobile vaccine clinics this week (Thursday 11 March) using a 9-person team dedicated to mobile vaccine delivery. A site-specific calendar is being developed. Requested 200 Moderna through DOH allocation and 100 Johnson & Johnson doses to start DOH assigned tier 1B2 on 17 March.

Confluence Health (Multiple Locations): Managing the Mass Vaccination Site and supporting outreach to LatinX community through weekend popup clinics. Confluence Health is gearing up to move to a strike team approach to get in more agricultural employees. The strike team can probably do 200 vaccinations a day. Information, education, and communication materials are in development to overcome vaccine hesitancy and promote vaccine equity, including a billboard campaign targeting the Latinx community.

Lake Chelan Community Health (Chelan/Manson): Outreach efforts and drive-through vaccine clinics are being prioritized for agricultural areas

“Our Outreach branch is doing over-the-phone as well as boots-on-the-ground vaccine preregistration and education with individuals in the community, with emphasis on reaching otherwise inaccessible populations. They are currently going door-to-door and distributing flyers in appropriate and relevant sites (agricultural housing, packing sheds, etc.)...”

We estimate that we have contact information for approximately 90% of the relevant agricultural business, encampment, and formal agricultural housing entities in our jurisdiction, and intend to continue reaching out to law enforcement, industry interest groups, and so forth in an effort to ensure we get as close to 100% coverage as possible.”

LHJ Support Needs

County	Operational Support	Education, Communications & Engagement Support
Pacific	Yes – Full: Planning, clinic site operations, staffing, outreach	CHWs, CBOs, employers, language access, community media
Pierce	Yes – Partial: Mobile team only	CHWs, CBOs, employers, language access, community media
Clallam	Yes – Vaccines	Messaging in Mam
Adams	Yes – Vaccines for mobile clinics	Connecting with community media outlets
Grant	Yes - Full: Planning, clinic site operations, staffing, outreach, vaccines	Translated materials
Benton – Franklin	Yes – Partial: Mobile team only	Translation, language access, outreach
Cowlitz, Skamania, Clark	Yes – Partial: Mobile team only	None
Whatcom	Yes – Full: Planning, clinic site operations, staffing, outreach	Employers, translations, outreach, community media
Spokane	Yes - Vaccines	Culturally & linguistically appropriate materials

LHJ Support Needs

County	Operational Support	Education, Communications & Engagement Support
Lewis	Yes – Best practices for planning, outreach, possibly additional translators	Culturally & linguistically appropriate materials
Yakima	Yes – Vaccines. Not necessary, but additional mobile support appreciated	Employers, translations, outreach, community media
Chelan-Douglas	Yes – support to combat vaccine hesitancy	Vaccine hesitancy materials & messaging
Grays Harbor	Yes – Partial: Mobile team	None
King	Yes – Full: Planning, clinic site operations, staffing, outreach	Employers, translations, culturally & linguistically appropriate materials
Kittitas	No	Yes – Identifying employers, Translated outreach / vaccine materials
Wahkiakum	Unsure on needs	Unsure on needs
Lincoln, San Juan, Whitman	No help needed	No help needed

Community Health Centers

- Yakima Farm Workers Clinic
- Moses Lake Community Health Center
- Quincy Community Health Center
- Columbia Basin Health Association
- Tri-Cities Community Health
- Columbia Valley Community Health
- Family Health Centers
- Mattawa Medical Center
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- Community Health of Central Washington
- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Mobile and community vaccine pop-ups

- Medical Teams International
- Health Commons

Promotoras de Salud

- QCHC – Promotora (CHC)
- First Fruits – Promotora (Employer)
- Yakima Health District – Promotora (LHJ)
- C2C – Promotora (CBO)
- CSC Network – Lead (Coalition)

Consulates

- Mexico
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Peru
- Chile

Agencies

- Labor & Industries
- Employment Security Dept.
- Dept of Agriculture

Community Based Organizations & Outreach

- Wenatchee Café
- Our Valley Our Future
- Community to Community
- CIELO Projects Radio Ranch
- DOH DH Contractors
- Radio KDNA FM 91.1
- KUNS-TV Univision/KOMO-TV/Noticias Univision on KUNS Univision
- La Nueva 103.3 FM and 92.1 FM – AlphaMedia USA
- La Pera
- La Voz Hispanic Newspaper

Associations

- Washington Growers League
- WAFLA
- Harvust

Farms

- Sundquist Fruit
- Gilbert Orchards
- Taylor Orchards
- Washington Fruit
- High Valley Orchards
- Brandon Lewis Orchards
- Wyckoff Farms
- Whitestone Mountain Orchard

Additional Agriculture Companies for Consideration

- Evans Fruit, Yakima, Grant
- Mar-Jon Labor LLC, Othello, Adams
- Labor Plus Solutions Inc
- Atkinson Staffing/Agri Labor, Pasco
- Gilbert Orchards; Yakima
- Stemilt Growers LLC, Chelan, Douglas Grant
- Stemilt Growers LLC, Capstone Ranch, Chelan
- Zirkle Fruit Royal City, Grant

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Additional agricultural companies, continued.

- First Fruits Farms/ Broetje Orchards
- Zirkle Fruit Selah, Yakima
- Allan Brothers, Yakima, Grant
- Carpenter Ranches, Yakima
- Hansen Fruit, Royal City, Grant
- Hansen Fruit, Yakima
- King Fuji Ranch, Grant
- Mercer Ranches Prosser, Benton
- Olsen Brothers Ranches, Benton
- S & C Ranches Warden, Grant
- SportFisher Orchards, Sunnyside, Yakima
- Valicoff Fruit, Wapato, Yakima
- Columbia Fruit Packers Wenatchee, Chelan
- Auvil Fruit, Orondo, Chelan
- Douglas Fruit, Pasco, Franklin
- Dovex Fruit Company, Chelan
- Matson Fruit, Selah, Yakima

- Monson Fruit, Selah, Yakima
- Congdon Orchards, Yakima
- Sunquist Fruit LLC, Yakima
- Tree Fruit Management, Pateros, Okanogan
- Valley Fruit Naches, Yakima
- Valley Roz, Yakima
- Chiawana Orchards, Yakima
- Gebbers Fruits & Orchards, Okanogan
- Fugachee Orchards, Okanogan
- GS Long; Wenatchee, Yakima
- Tree Fruit Management Company; Pateros, Okanogan

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Food Processing Workers

Definition of Done: This population is complete on May 1st or when all designated sites have been provided an opportunity to receive vaccine via an employer on-site clinic.

Population: Includes specifically those who work and/or live in a congregate setting interacting with high volume of co-workers (vs. animals) over extended periods of time (i.e. 3 or more hours in a 24-hour day). Also includes those working in fishing vessels. Estimates for this population includes 41,104 people.

Access to Vaccine: This population has access using the open to all scheduling applications. Additionally, some sites may have coordinated employee clinics to vaccinate staff in order to improve vaccine uptake and provide convenience to the hourly employees. Employers may coordinate with vaccine providers or LHJs to coordinate on-site clinics.



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Cost

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Arranging a Mobile Testing Event

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Additional Information

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AGRICULTURAL WORKER TESTING SUPPORT

Agricultural Worker Testing Support

- Objective: testing opportunities for agricultural workers preparing to return to farms in Washington State
- Working with Medical Teams International to provide testing and agricultural worker outreach
- Entering farmworkers will be tested twice, one week apart
 - Testing should begin as close to arrival as possible
- Testing is being completed with Abbott BinaxNOW antigen test (results in 15 minutes)
- PCR tests are available for those who are symptomatic and the antigen test comes back negative

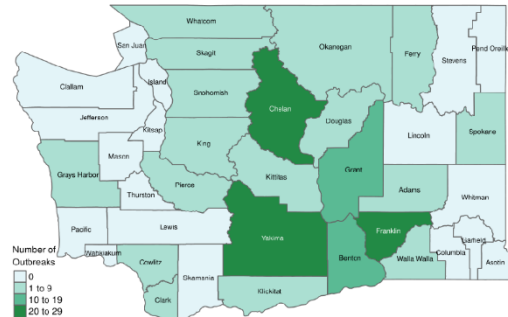
Testing Phased Approach

Phases I and II

- 50% of COVID-19 outbreaks in the agriculture and food industry reported to DOH in 2020 occurred in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Yakima, Benton, and Franklin. These are the Phase I counties.
- Additional 16% of COVID-19 outbreaks occurred in Skagit, Okanogan, Adams, and Klickitat. These are the Phase II counties.



Figure 2: Map of Phase I and II Counties in North and South Central, WA for the 2021 Agricultural Testing Strategy Initiative (January 2021- December 2021)




Main Branches of Testing

1. MTI will provide on-site testing at farms or temporary worker housing for incoming seasonal migrant agricultural workers
2. MTI will work in partnership with local health jurisdictions to coordinate additional testing efforts
3. Local health jurisdictions and community health centers are already providing additional testing supports

Progress To-Date (through 3/5)

Row Labels	Sum of Tests administered	Sum of # Positives
⊕ Benton	479	5
⊕ Chelan	826	1
⊕ Douglas	122	0
⊕ Franklin	177	0
⊕ Grant	2322	4
⊕ King	13	0
⊕ Okanogan	46	0
⊕ Pacific	4	0
⊕ Skagit	196	1
⊕ Snohomish	9	0
⊕ Walla Walla	43	1
⊕ Yakima	1121	4
Grand Total	5358	16



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