

NC State Extension Educational Tool

COVID-19 prevention and vaccination for agricultural workers

The NC State Extension educational tool: ***COVID-19 prevention and vaccination for agricultural workers*** was developed with the objective of facilitating a space for reflection, dialogue, and education about COVID-19 prevention and vaccination for agricultural workers. This educational tool also aims to assist agricultural workers make decisions based on reliable and trustworthy information.

This educational tool was created to take the following into consideration: a) information provided by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC), NCDHHS' Vaccine 101 Tool; b) the team's real-world experience with agricultural workers and; c) successful adult learning strategies.

The NC State Extension educational tool: ***COVID-19 prevention and vaccination for agricultural workers*** was developed by the NC Cooperative Extension's Farmworker Health and Safety Program. The team is formed by (alphabetical order) Cintia Aguilar, Olivia Antonio, Susan Jakes, Javier Rivera, and Roberto Rosales. The educational tool is part of a collaboration between the NCDHHS Office of Rural Health's NC Farmworker Health Program and NC State Extension.

This tool includes:

- Introduction of the educational tool,
- PowerPoint presentation with corresponding presenter guides for each slide,
- List of the NCDHHS vaccination plan Local Teams,
- Supplemental resource that includes COVID-19 symptoms and 3 Ws,
- Supplemental resource that provides local farmworker health clinic information

It is recommended that other COVID-19 resources available be utilized and is available to any programs, agencies, educators, and community leaders in the farmworker communities without cost. We respectfully request that the *NC State Extension* logo remain while including the option to add the logo of any program or agency that conducts the presentation.

This tool was created for the purpose of being used with groups of agricultural workers. As a reference, we use the common settings of our program which include planning presentations with the employer (grower, farm labor contractor). However, we recognize that this may not always be possible and as such, each setting will depend on the various forms of contact with agricultural workers.

Additionally, consideration should be given to using this educational tool in partnership with other community groups.

The person/s responsible for conducting the presentation to agricultural workers should consider the following:

- The information related to COVID-19 prevention and vaccination is constantly changing. As such, it is imperative that presenters stay up to date on the subject and ensure any information provided is official and reliable. It is recommended that presenters refer to the information provided by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- If possible, presenters should meet with the employer (grower or farm labor contractor) before presenting to learn about the farm/housing COVID-19 prevention and vaccination plan and address any questions or concerns.
- Be informed about the resources available for the group that is being presented to. Be sure to share relevant information about available resources and information about the farmworker vaccination plan.
- The PowerPoint presentation serves as a guide to facilitate the education and participation of farmworkers in the prevention and vaccination of COVID-19. The presentation includes images (slides) to present to the farmworkers, and slides that provide ideas and key points that relate to the images shown as a guide to the presenter. It is recommended that the PowerPoint be printed and that the images on the slides shown to farmworkers be large enough to be seen by all. Another option is to print the PowerPoint in a format that can be used as a flipchart.
- It is very important that a comfortable, trustworthy environment be established throughout the presentation to encourage participation from the farmworkers. Remember that each person has their own style of presenting, and it is most important to feel comfortable and have confidence. Additionally, it is important to understand that we are not COVID-19 medical specialists or scientists. We do not need to know or have the answer to everything. Our objective is to present basic, but relevant, information about COVID-19 prevention and vaccination to help farmworkers *get informed and decide*.

