

(LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT LETTERHEAD)

**SAMPLE LHD MIGRANT FARMWORKER
HOUSING OPERATOR LETTER FOR COVID-19
GUIDANCE**

(ENTER DATE)

Dear Migrant Farmworker Housing Operator,

The New York State Department of Health strongly encourages farm operators to ensure all workers are vaccinated. CDC recommends that everyone aged 12 years and older is vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and spreading COVID-19. Farm operators can help increase vaccine uptake among workers and their families by providing information about COVID-19 vaccination, promoting vaccination, and establishing supportive policies and practices that make it as easy and convenient as possible for workers and others to get vaccinated.

Given New York's progress and the diminished risk of COVID-19 within the community, New York State has lifted most COVID-19 restrictions, except the mask requirement for unvaccinated individuals and in certain settings (e.g., health care) as advised by the CDC. Masks remain strongly recommended; however, unvaccinated farmworkers may remove their masks outdoors when there is 6 ft of distance between them and others. Unvaccinated individuals who reside in the same housing unit may remove masks indoors when only with family members or a household group (i.e. only workers who reside within that housing unit are present). At all other times, unvaccinated workers should wear face coverings indoors in accordance with CDC guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact this office at **(office number)**.

Sincerely,