



# COVID-19 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN AGRICULTURE: Temporary Worker Housing Requirement Updates

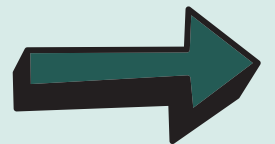


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January 8,  
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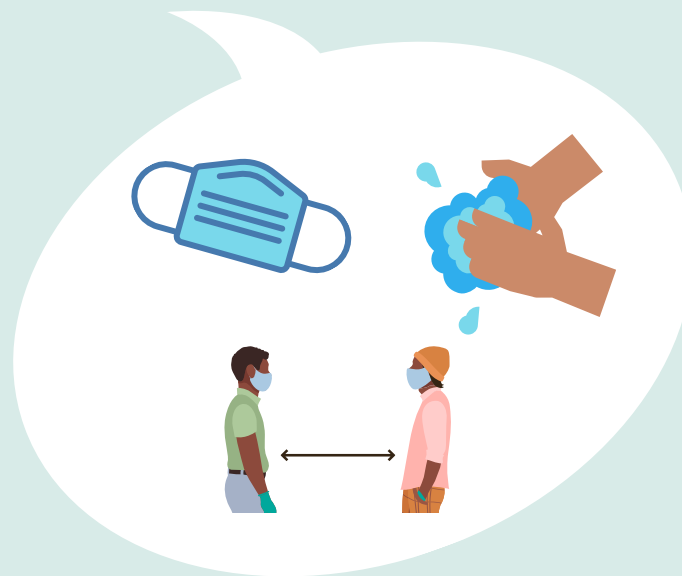
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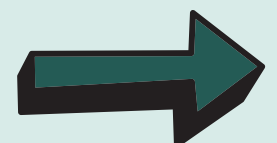
### Community Health Worker Visits

Community health workers are allowed to visit to provide education and share resources.



### Update:

Community health workers are now required to be screened by the employer prior to entering housing sites.



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## COVID-19 Wellness Checks



**Doctor**



**Nurse**



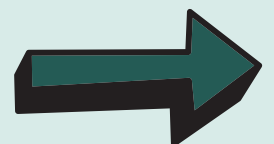
**Paramedic/EMT**

### Update:

Registered and certified medical assistants are now allowed to provide wellness assessments overseen by a licensed healthcare professional or supervisor.



**Medical Assistant**





## Increasing *Fresh Air* Indoors

**Update:** Housing operators should increase the amount of fresh air by:

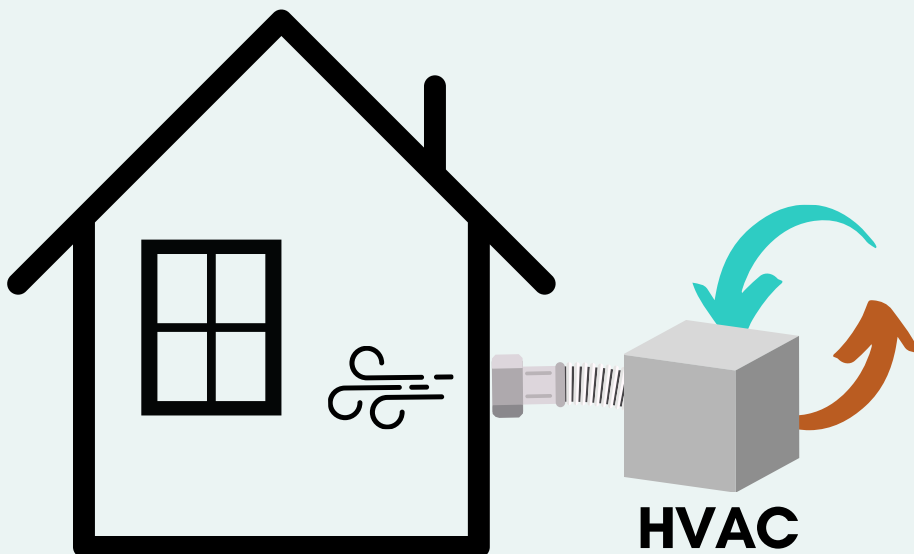
- Bringing fresh air inside
- Moving old air outside
- Filtering air circulating inside



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### Using HVAC systems

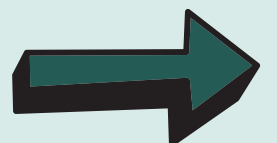
HVAC systems can provide fresh & filtered air.



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### Opening Windows

Windows & doors can be opened to increase fresh air. Fans can be used to push old air outside.





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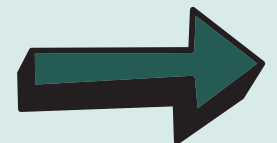
# What is an HVAC system?

**H**eating, **V**entilating, & **A**ir **C**onditioning

HVAC systems provide heating and cooling for air in homes & buildings.

This system works by bringing air in from the outside and filtering it to provide clean air indoors.

HVAC systems also move old indoor air outdoors so it can be replaced with fresh & filtered air.



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# Requirements for HVAC Systems

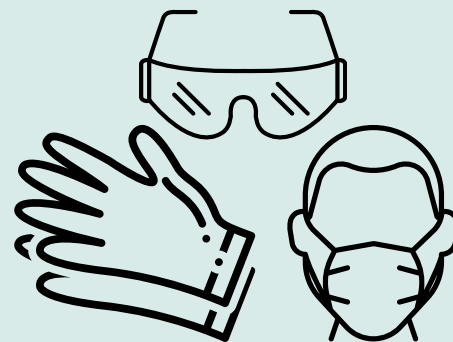
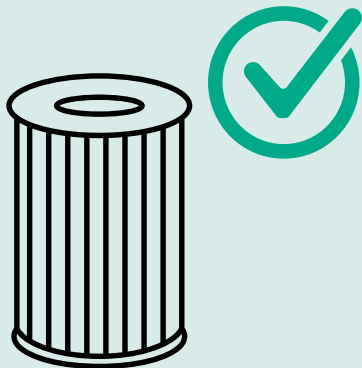
If HVAC systems are used, operators should:

- Increase the intake of outdoor air
- Use MERV13 filters or greater\*
- Use PPE when changing air filters
- Keep records of filter changes
- Perform maintenance checks each season
- Work with a professional building engineer or HVAC specialist

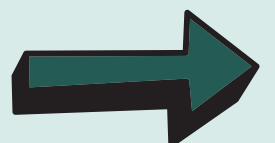
Remember:  
Ventilation is just one safety measure. We must also follow the other safety requirements to keep workers safe.



\*Check with your system manufacturer or user manual before you make any changes to the HVAC system.



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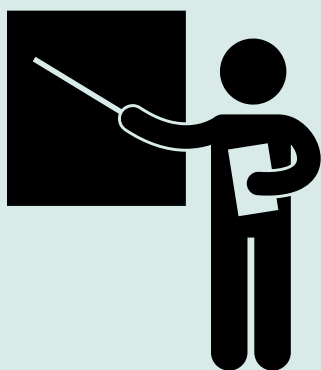




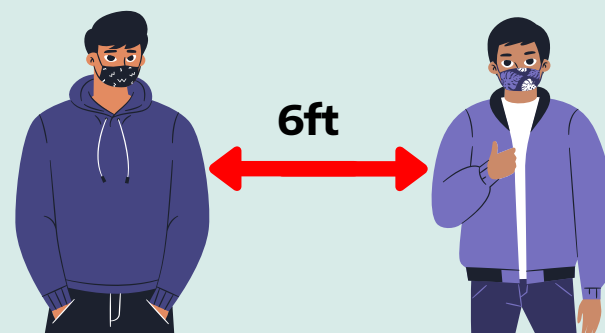
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### Remember to follow all the workplace requirements for COVID-19 safety

#### ✓ COVID-19 Safety Training



#### ✓ Maintain 6ft Physical Distance



#### ✓ Frequent Cleaning



#### ✓ Frequent Handwashing



#### ✓ Personal Protective Equipment

Employers will  
provide these for  
you to use at no  
cost.



#### ✓ COVID-19 Response Plan





# RESOURCES

## **WA Dept. of Labor & Industries**

<https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-COVID-Resources>



### **Ventilation Guidance for COVID-19**

<http://bit.ly/WA-COVID-Ventilation>



### **Consultation**

<https://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Consultation>



### **Complaints**

1-800-423-7233, Press 2, Press 2



### **Workers Compensation**

<http://bit.ly/WA-LNI-Workers-Comp>



### **Wage & Hour Complaints**

425-258-6372

## **PNASH Center**

<https://bit.ly/pnash-covid>

## **WA Dept. of Health**

<http://bit.ly/WA-DOH-TWH>

## **Employment Security Division**

509-574-0105

## **NW Justice Project**

Guidance on benefits & services

Call or Text: 509-225-0026

