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To our Agricultural Business Partners,

Farm workers are essential to the food supply and economy of Yolo County. There are thousands of workers reporting to their fields, farms and ranches across the county to ensure our local agricultural industry remains robust and bountiful. Yolo County recognizes that these workers and businesses play a vital role in our local economy and we need to do what we can to support the local workforce and businesses.

The attached resources can assist you and your local workforce in accessing vitally needed benefits to help keep them and their families healthy, fed and gainfully employed throughout the COVID crisis. It is very important local agricultural producers do their part to implement stringent hygiene and social distancing protocols to keep the agricultural workforce health. The first attachment to this correspondence comes from the UC Davis Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety and give clear and practical things you can do to make sure your worksite stays COVID free. You can also access a whole host of resources on the WCAHS website [here](https://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/covid19) or <https://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/covid19>.

Here in Yolo County we have pulled together all the resources we have available to support the healthcare, food needs and jobs of the local workforce. If your workforce needs medical care regardless of immigration status they can qualify for free or low-cost health insurance and see a local doctor. For food support we would encourage those in need to apply for CalFresh, CalWORKS or access supports through the Yolo County Food Bank. Mixed immigration households can apply for CalFresh and CalWORKS for only certain family members and anyone regardless of immigration status can access food bank distributions and deliveries. If any of your employees are impacted economically by this crisis and find themselves needing more employment or unemployment supports, they can contact the Yolo County Employment Services team and our staff will connect them to unemployment resources or assist with finding and applying for other local jobs. Instructions on how to apply for all of these benefits are in the second attachment to this letter.

We understand this is an extremely difficult time for Yolo County agricultural work and we assure you, your Yolo County Board of Supervisors is doing everything we can to bring the resources we have available to you.

If your staff have needs outside of the resources provided in this email, they can contact the Yolo County Agricultural Workforce Coordinator; Esmeralda Garza at (530) 379-3465 or email Esmeralda.garza@yolocounty.org, Monday – Friday 2PM-6PM. She is Spanish speaking and well connected to a variety of resources in Yolo County. We see your work on farms across Yolo as key in assuring that the pandemic will not become the greater problem of food shortages. We would strongly encourage you to adopt the social distancing hygiene standards in attachment 1 and share the resource documents in attachment 2 with all of your workers.

Thank You,

John Young
Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer