

FOOD PROCESSING & AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

The state's food and agriculture sector is critical to feeding Michiganders, the health of the economy, and spans a wide range of jobs. Within the sector, workers at highest risk are those who must work in close proximity to many other people for extended periods of time. In Michigan and across the country, there have been significant outbreaks particularly in workers processing meat, fruit and vegetables, and in harvesting of some crops. As of March 1st, these workers are eligible for vaccination.



Employers should identify frontline essential workers within the categories below who are at greatest risk of COVID-19.

- Higher frequency, duration or intensity of contact with other people (close contact or many contacts)
- Lower ability for all in attendance to follow mitigation measures (such as use of face coverings and distancing)

FOOD PROCESSING WORKERS

Includes some workers in:

- Meat processing and meatpacking facilities
- Processing of fruit and vegetables
- Dairy processing
- Animal feed manufacturing
- Food and animal feed ingredient manufacturing
- Beverage production
- Production of food packaging

MIGRANT & SEASONAL FARM WORKERS

Workers who are by the nature of their work in close proximity and contact with other people. Includes some workers involved in agricultural commodities including:

- Raising
- Cultivating
- Harvesting
- Packing
- Storing
- Distributing