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MEMORANDUM FOR: Migrant Farmworker Center Contractors

FROM: Lindy Suggs, Branch Chief
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidance on Social Distancing

The Department of Housing and Community Development's (Department) Office of Migrant Services (OMS) is providing further guidance regarding the use of common areas at migrant farmworker centers. At this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow the virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit social interactions among people to the greatest extent feasible and practice social distancing.

Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 requires "all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors." Many local county offices of public health have also issued orders with details and requirements for staying home and maintaining social distancing protocols. The Governor's executive order and the respective county orders apply to all migrant farmworker centers.

Residents are required to stay at home, except for essential activities. In addition, residents can engage in outdoor activities such as, walking, hiking, biking and running etc.; however, residents shall maintain social distance by not congregating in a group and maintain six feet of distance between themselves and other individuals who are not part of their household.

PARKS, SPORTING AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ARE RESTRICTED FROM USE UNTIL EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20 HAS BEEN LIFTED. SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTCOLS SHOULD BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. VISITORS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AT THE CENTERS WHILE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.

COVID-19 Guidance on Social Distancing

Contractors are required to complete Attachment A: Social Distancing Protocols and Enforcement, which details the restrictions for use of common areas, enforcement mechanisms and other preventative measures at the respective centers.

It is critical for everyone to follow the public health orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect themselves, their loved ones, friends, neighbors and the whole community. Violation of or failure to comply with applicable public health orders is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Failure to comply with applicable public health orders, specifically Social Distancing Protocols, will be considered a violation of the Residential Lease Agreement, House Rules and may impact the Resident's current residency status and ability to obtain an Eligibility Interview for the subsequent year. To ensure a clear understanding, Contractors shall require all current and future residents to sign the State of Emergency Addendum, included as Attachment B, so long as Executive Order N-33-20 remains in effect.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to protect the health and safety of OMS center personnel and residents. If you have any further questions, please contact the OMS Program team at OMSProgram@hcd.ca.gov.

Enclosed:

Attachment A: Social Distancing Protocols and Enforcement

Attachment B: State of Emergency Addendum