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COFS Week of Action
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Aug 5 - Aug 12

covid19farmworkerstudy.org



#AlwaysEssential Farmworkers shouldn't have to die for our food. #COFS #Farmworker Study #ProtectWorkers

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California's farmworkers have kept food on our tables through the COVID-19 pandemic, paying a high price, with the agricultural sectors being ground zero for outbreaks. [They need our elected officials to take immediate action to protect farmworker health and safety and this week, you can join the call to #ProtectWorkers now.](#)

California employs an estimated 800,000 farmworkers. Most work at seasonal jobs—rarely holding full-time, year-round work—and earn an average annual income of less than \$18,000. An estimated 90% of California farmworkers were born in Mexico and approximately 60% are unauthorized to work in the United States. While all essential workers put themselves at risk when they show up for work during the COVID-19 pandemic, farmworkers face additional risks because they lack critical social safety net support afforded to other members of society.

The [COVID-19 Farmworker Study](#) (#COFS) exposes how the current pandemic has exacerbated existing vulnerabilities farmworker communities endure in their living, working, and health conditions. California's farmworkers need us now more than ever to do more than just identify disparities and risks. We must take action and allocate resources to keep farmworkers, their families, and our communities healthy so they are able to continue their frontline work. Because farmworkers shouldn't have to die for our food.

Join us for a [#COFS Social Media Week of Action](#) starting on Wednesday, August 5th to amplify the stories that farmworkers shared through the COFS survey, and tell California's elected officials, [#AlwaysEssential Farmworkers Shouldn't Have to Die for Our Food](#).

[Social Media Tool Kit here.](#)