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## **COVID-19**

### **COVID-19 Dairy Farm Resources**

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow in California and across the country and California Dairy Campaign is reaching out to dairy producers to respond to their questions and concerns about the ongoing crisis.

Updated information is available at the [Center for Disease Control](#) web site linked [here](#).

#### **RESOURCES FOR FARMERS**

*(Source: National Milk Producers Federation)*

#### **DAIRY IS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

On March 19, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) updated their guidance clarifying what sectors are deemed “critical infrastructure”. Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. The dairy supply chain, from farm to fork, has been identified as essential critical infrastructure and as such, employees have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

**ESSENTIAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE WORK PERMIT TEMPLATE** [linked here](#).

Dairy farms are 24-hour, 7-day per week business and operations must continue. Following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) precautions will minimize the risk to dairy farmers,

family, employees and essential professional and service providers to be on the farm.

The CDC provides clear guidance about preventing infection in both **English** and **Spanish**. It also provides a number of printable factsheets and posters in English and Spanish suitable for use in the workplace.

Below are resources that dairy farmers are encouraged to review and use as appropriate:

- **Dairy Farmer Handbook on Coronavirus Prevention and Management**, NMPF
- **Novel Coronavirus Prevention & Control for Farms**, Cornell University Agricultural Workforce Development
- **What You Need to Know Now About Coronavirus** (COVID-19) on Your Dairy (English and Spanish), AllTech
- **COVID-19 and Your Dairy Webinar**, Cornell University Agricultural Workforce Development
- **COVID-19: 5 Things Your Farm Should Do Now**, Farm Journal
- **Five Crisis Planning Tips to Combat COVID-19**, Dairy Herd Management
- **Resources Available to Address COVID-19**, Dairy Herd Management
- **Be Prepared: What Should Employers Do About the Coronavirus?**, National Law Review
- **Stress & Wellness Resources**, Center for Dairy Excellence

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