

I am a health outreach worker with _____ agency. An initial health screening questionnaire with one of the workers on your farm identified that he/she has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection. I called the health department to let them know about the suspected case as I am required to do by law. The guidance for individuals with COVID-19 symptoms is to isolate them in a safe place to recover so that others are not exposed. Do you have a place where the worker can be isolated from other workers?

If there is no place to isolate the worker, tell the grower the grower can be advised to call the health department for guidance on how to isolate the worker to limit the spread of infection.

In addition, the remainder of the workers who had contact with this individual should be considered exposed and need to be quarantined for 14 days. This means that they should not go to any public places. They should not share transportation, cooking facilities or bathrooms with other workers. For additional questions, you can contact your local health department.

Once the sick worker has been without symptoms for 72 hours and if it's been at least 7 days since his/her symptoms started, the worker can resume your normal activities.