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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Food Processing and Agricultural Workers Eligible to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination Beginning March 1, 2021

Beginning March 1, 2021, food processing and agricultural workers who work in close proximity to others for extended periods of time are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) is asking food processing and agricultural employers to identify frontline essential workers within the following categories:

- 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 include some workers in meat processing and packing facilities, processing of fruits and vegetables, dairy processing, animal feed manufacturing, food and animal feed ingredient manufacturing, beverage production and production of food packaging.

Migrant and seasonal farm workers are those who work in close proximity and contact with others. This involves the raising, cultivating, harvesting, packing, storing and distribution of agricultural commodities.

If you are an employer and you feel that your farm or organization falls into one of the eligible groups for vaccination, please e-mail DHD2 at [healthed@dhd2.org](mailto:healthed@dhd2.org) and include "Food Processing and Agricultural Workers" in the subject line. Please include the name of the organization or farm, a contact persons name, phone number and email address, and the number of vaccinations requested, as well as a list of qualifying employees. Once DHD2 receives this information, they will reach out to you to determine eligibility and next steps.