

**AGRICULTURAL COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS and
WACs 246-358-002 and 296-307-16102**

INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE

This guidance will be assessed, and potentially modified, routinely.

(a) Generally.

(i) For purposes of this guidance, all Governor-issued **Agricultural COVID-19 Requirements** and **WACs 246-358-002** and **296-307-16102**, including the definitions used throughout, apply.

(b) **WACs 246-358-002(1)(g) and 296-307-16102(1)(g), the “Isolation Plan.”** A housing operator’s isolation plan for employees testing positive for COVID-19 may refer in whole or in part to the regional isolation center nearest the housing site.

(c) Face Coverings under Agricultural COVID-19 Requirements, General Provisions, subsection (c).

(i) Employees are free to wear homemade face coverings that meet the minimum requirements. This does not relieve employers of the obligation to provide face coverings to each employee who does not wish to wear a homemade version. Nor may an employer require employees to provide a homemade face covering.

(ii) Employers are required to ensure that employees have clean face coverings on a daily basis. For disposable face coverings, employers must provide new coverings each day. In order to prevent reusable face coverings from being utilized by multiple employees, employers may assign face coverings to employees for multi-day use. If not, employers must launder all face coverings daily.

Employers must maintain a sufficient supply of face coverings to replace lost, damaged, or worn-out reusable coverings.

(d) Agricultural COVID-19 Requirements, Outdoor Worksites, section (1)(b), “Handwashing Stations.”

(i) Consistent with WAC 296-307-09503, this section only applies to “employees engaged in hand-labor operations in the field.”

(ii) Any additional handwashing stations mandated by this section need not be plumbed or specially designed. Potable water, a closed container with a tap and lid, a wastewater basin, soap, and single-use hand towels will suffice. No heat source is required.

(e) **Transportation.**

- (i) Consistent with **Agricultural COVID-19 Requirements, Employer- and Operator- Provided Transportation, subsection (1)(a)**, any farming vehicle that is used solely by one individual need not be disinfected until or unless another individual intends to use the vehicle.

(f) **Isolation.** [Removed] See WAC 296-307-16102(2)/WAC 246-358-002(2).

- (g) **Testing Required.** Section (o) may not apply when positive cases are discovered through an entrance testing initiative overseen by the Department of Health or a local health jurisdiction. Decisions about further testing under these circumstances fall within the discretion of the local or state health officer.

For purposes of this section, *entrance testing initiative* means a coordinated effort to test agricultural workers that begins within seven days of their arrival.