

Partnership for Our Food Security

Who we are.

The Partnership for Food Security is a voluntary association of individuals and organizations to fight the COVID 19 virus attacks on the people and communities who plant, grow, raise, harvest, feed, transport, store, process and bring us our food.

(See a list of Partners below)

These workers often live and work in rural cities and communities in Washington. Farms in our state employ a large influx of guest workers under the federal H2A program. Many of them live with extended families, making widely available and non-age-restricted vaccination all the more critical. Churches often occupy a vital place in their lives. A large proportion of these workers and communities are Latino.

The approach to vaccinating people who produce and deliver food in our state needs to continue to be strengthened and rapidly expanded by both vaccine delivery and an educational component to continue dialogue on the safety and importance of the COVID-19 vaccine with the community members.

This pilot program has been adapted to these communities to meet people where they are. Our aim is to build on existing efforts in already trusted areas, not recreate them or impede existing efforts.

Cities are in a unique position to support these efforts by providing vaccination sites in trusted gathering areas for H2A and guest workers as well as farm employees. Cities may also be able to aid in decreasing vaccine hesitancy by working with trusted community organizations to create meaningful and timely information on COVID-19 vaccine safety.

This pilot project began with a primary focus in Central Washington, due to the virus' large presence in the region. This made vaccines accessibility all the more important due to the yearly increase of guest and H2A workers in Central and Eastern WA. However, **this is a statewide issue that continues to affect communities across the state.**

Now that COVID -19 has largely been contained in many areas in Washinton, the **Partners' goal is to continue to offer culturally competent and accessible vaccines and testing** to under-served communities across Washington.

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Our Partners

Medical Partners

Othello Community Hospital - Deanna Martinez, RN
RAIN Incubator (Life Sciences) - Dr. David Hirschberg
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic - Carlos Olivares, CEO
Lourdes Medical Center - Dr. Kevin Taylor & Dr. Raul Garcia
Physicians Rehab & Therapy Wellness Clinic - Jessica Garcia, RN
Sea Mar Community Health Center
WSU Medical School and other resources
Cambia Grove

Community Partners

Center for Latino Leadership - Maia Espinoza
Washington Farm Bureau
Pierce County Safe Streets
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
Washington State AFL-CIO
Washington State Tree Fruit Association - Jon DeVaney
Central Washington Catholic Diocese of Yakima - Bishop Joseph Tyson
Yakima Valley Community Foundation - Sharon Miracle & Estakio

Governmental Partners

Congressman Dan Newhouse
Washington Dept of Agriculture Director, Derek Sandison
Washington State Representative Alex Ybarra
Pierce County and Executive Bruce Dammeier
Kittitas County Commissioner, Cory Wright
Yakima County Commissioner, Amanda McKinney
Mayor of Grandview, Gloria Mendoza
City of Tacoma Mayor, Victoria Woodards
Snohomish County Council Chair, Nate Nehring
Everett City Councilman, Paul Roberts
Sumner City Councilwoman, Charla Neuman

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What's next.

How you can help

Partner with us!

Reach out to Alex Ybarra at (509) 237-1921 to discuss how your city can become a partner with the Partnership for Our Food Security and act as a resource to continue to bring culturally competent and accessible vaccines and testing to your city.

Find a mobile unit or vaccine location

[Here](#) you can find information on how to schedule a mobile vaccination unit for your city or municipality. You can also work with The Partnership to schedule a vaccine location at a city property near you.

Text Resources

Flyers for your use

[Vaccination available](#)

[Text ready photo](#) | [En español](#)

Video promos for your use

[Spanish Radio](#)

[Spanish Video](#)

English Video - coming soon!

English Radio - coming soon!

Contacts

Medical Resources

Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic: [Find a clinic near your city](#)

Sea Mar Community Health Services: [Find a clinic near your city](#)

DOH Resources

Mobile Unit Request from WA DOH: Found [Here](#)

Text Line for vaccination: Text your zip code to GETVAX (438829) or VACUNA (822862)

Call Line for vaccination: 833-VAX-HELP (Language assistance is available.)