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DIRECTOR

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Dear Licensed Migrant Labor Housing Providers:

Today, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Gary McDowell issued [Pandemic Public Health Measures in Migrant Agricultural Worker Housing Emergency Rules](#).

These rules require licensed migrant labor housing providers to create a plan to help prevent exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, to care for individuals with COVID-19, and to prevent the spread of disease among agricultural workers. The rules are intended to protect the health of Michigan's agricultural worker community and builds on similar guidance issued by Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services during 2020.

For camps to obtain their licenses, they must have a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, as well as a successfully completed housing inspection. To assist with COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, MDARD has provided a [checklist](#) with items that must be covered in the plan.

If providers had a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan in 2020, they can modify that plan to meet the requirements of the 2021 emergency rules.

Migrant labor housing providers who have already received their 2021 license have 30 days from the effective date of these emergency rules to create a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan and conspicuously post it. In addition, MDARD inspectors will review your plan and observe its implementation as part of the normal migrant housing inspection process.

MDARD values the health and safety of our food and agricultural workers. A question-and-answer document has been updated and posted [here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact your Migrant Labor Housing program inspector.

Thank you,

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