

# KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

## MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

6:00-8:00 P.M.

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### MEETING AGENDA

6:00	<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll call of commissioners</li><li>• Announcement of staff and public for the record</li><li>• Approval of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ July</li></ul></li></ul>	Nayab Khan, Chair
6:05	<b>Old Business - Updates</b> (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Details:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Updated website and meeting materials posted</li><li>○ Hosting Beefing Up Infrastructure Grand Opening Webinar – late September</li><li>○ Council action Comp Plan APD Mitigation</li><li>○ Local Food Finder: <a href="http://www.farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder.html">www.farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder.html</a></li></ul></li><li>• KC Ag Program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ KC CARES Act relief funding for farms and farmers markets, small businesses applications open; Food Bank/Senior Center and E-Commerce support</li></ul></li><li>• King Conservation District</li><li>• Land Conservation Initiative</li><li>• Local Food Initiative</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrice Barrentine</li> <li>• Richard Martin</li> <li>• Josh Monaghan</li><li>• Sarah Collier</li><li>• Mike Lufkin</li></ul>
6:45	<b>Public Comment</b> related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
6:50	<b>King Conservation District Request: Representative for Advisory Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request</li><li>• Nominations</li><li>• Vote</li></ul>	Nayab Khan, Josh Monaghan
7:00	<b>KC Grant Proposal for Broadband Support for Snoqualmie APD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and Amend Letter of Support</li><li>• Vote</li></ul>	Patrice and Nayab
7:10	<b>Governor's Guidance on Agritourism: Business Impacts Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current &amp; long-term impacts</li><li>• Needed promotion and education (FFA, social media, etc.)</li></ul>	Commissioners
7:50	<b>General Public Comment</b> <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
7:55	<b>Concerns of Commissioners</b>	Nayab Khan
8:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	Nayab Khan

**Next Meeting: October 8**



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**King County Agriculture Commission**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 9, 2020 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Zoom Video Conference Call**

Commissioners Present					
Nayab Khan, Chair	Y	Sarah Collier	Y	Darron Marzolf	Y
Kevin Scott-Vanderberge, Vice-Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	Y	Paul Pink	N
Roger Calhoon	N	Leann Krainick	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Josh Monaghan, KCD	N	Kevin Wright, WSU	Y
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP				
Richard Martin, DNRP	Jackie White, KCC Staff (Lambert)				
Guests Present					
Caleb Gwerder, WA Farm Bureau	Henna Khan, Henna Blueberry Farm		Rosella Mosby, Mosby Farms		

**Action Summary**

- **Action: Approvals of Meeting Agenda; February & April 2020 Meeting Minutes**
- **Old Business: Commission and County Updates**
- **New Business: Agriculture Business Updates; COVID-19 Funding/Resources for Agriculture; Local Food Finder; Beefing Up Infrastructure; KC Comprehensive Plan; KC DNRP “Green Where We Work”**

*Meeting called to order by Nayab Khan at 6:06 pm*

**Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Nayab Khan)**

Roll call of Commissioners, and announcement of staff/public guests, were conducted via voice or the chat function.

**ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Nayab Khan)**

Darron Marzolf motioned to accept today’s agenda as written. Kevin Scott-Vanderberge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**ACTION: Approval of February & April 2020 Meeting Minutes (Nayab Khan)**

Leann Krainick requested her Land Conservation Initiative update in February’s minutes to simply state “no update.” She motioned to approve the February and April minutes with the requested revision. Kevin Scott-Vanderberge seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Old Business – Updates**

- **Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine):**
  - Postcard Mailing: A postcard has been mailed in English, Spanish, and Hmong languages to 2,600 farmland owners in King County. It contains information on COVID-19 resources for farmers including the new Local Food Finder tool, [FarmKingCounty.org](http://FarmKingCounty.org), and how to apply for a Commission seat.
  - Recruitment: The Commission’s executive committee suggested posting recruitment announcements for open Commission seats on social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook. Some agricultural organizations will also be contacted to boost the recruitment process on their platforms. The candidate application deadline is now July 31, with a plan to recommend new candidates to DNRP in August. Ms. Barrentine has reached out to a candidate; she stressed there is plenty of time for Commissioners to reach out to other potential members.

- Open Public Meetings Act: A provision for special circumstances brought on by COVID-19 is now extended through August. This means the Commission is not currently required to have a public space for meetings.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
  - Immigrant Farmer Outreach: The County’s ongoing effort to address needs of disadvantaged and immigrant farmer communities, focused on south King County, is gaining steam. 2018-19 was spent assessing the farmers’ needs. Now attention turns to using existing County farmland to create a collaborative space like Green River and Sammamish Farms, but with closer work with community organizations. Food Access and Aggregation Community Team (FAACT) of south King County is lead partner, with managing responsibility for the collaborative effort. The County will provide land and some infrastructure, including a slaughter facility if needed. The goal is to have new farmers on the land by next growing season.
  - FEMA Audit: King County Council (KCC) has adopted new flood insurance maps from FEMA, which insurance providers must now use. The County has developed an online tool for landowners to see how their property falls in relation to the new maps, and if any changes impact their insurance premiums. Letters go out next week. FEMA gave King County until August 19 to revise its flood code to comply with FEMA standards. The penalty of missing the deadline is King County’s suspension from the federal flood insurance program.

FEMA code requires other flood storage to be provided if water is displaced in a floodway. The County had used a second option, to model farm pad impacts to determine any major impact to flood elevations; FEMA has asked this to be halted. As this makes it harder to permit farm pads in King County, the County now seeks compensatory flood storage to match to areas with greatest need, especially in the Snoqualmie Valley.

A positive impact from the audit is a permitting route to build agricultural structures in floodways. This is called a community exemption, which only mandates standard County permitting requirements to build these structures, and not FEMA’s more rigorous review process. The County has applied for and is expected to receive this exemption.

- **Land Conservation Initiative (Sarah Collier, Leann Krainick):** The LCI goal is to preserve all high-value lands in King County by 2050. Ms. Collier and Ms. Krainick participated in a strategy group for LCI funding. Much of the funding comes from the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) levy. However, the levy has not kept pace with inflation and land values due to a state rate increase cap of 1% yearly. The group’s proposal to address this “levy drift” is to ask state legislature to return levy control to counties instead of having it subject to the state cap. A presentation to the Commission will come later, at which time they will vote on if to support the proposed action.
- **King Conservation District; Local Food Initiative:** There were no updates.

### Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item (Nayab Khan)

There was no public comment during this period.

### New Business: King County Agriculture Business Updates

- **Farm Supply Store (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge):** He reports high levels of looting/lawlessness still occur locally in the U-District, with more transients moving through after removal of protest zone barriers in Capitol Hill. Getting product into his store is harder due to tariffs and delayed overseas shipments. The store has switched to pre-paid curbside pickup, which deters some customers but attracts others. Online ordering is expected soon. Mr. Scott-Vanderberge is running the store solo currently, with his wife handling the funding process.
- **U-Pick Farm (Henna Khan):** Many safety measures have been implemented at Henna Blueberry Farm due to the pandemic. This includes more sanitizing stations, disposable bucket liners, sanitizing of buckets, plexiglass at check-out stands, and less cash/more credit card payments. Many of these measures have been costly. Some regular customers, like large groups or the elderly, are less common. Tractor rides are no longer allowed. However, the Khans are optimistic for a good season. They noted many people ask about safety precautions being taken.
- **Farmers’ Markets (Patrice Barrentine):** 30 of 41 King County markets are now open. Kent’s may open later in summer; 10 will not open. Space limits due to the pandemic mean fewer vendors, and less revenue. One group of markets is losing \$11,000 for each one open. The markets also have more rigorous directives to follow than other retail operations. Leann Krainick said a Commission letter supporting farmers’ markets earlier this year likely helped in their reopening. A King County farmers’ market managers meeting is scheduled for Monday.
- **Butcher Shop (Darron Marzolf):** Business at Mr. Marzolf’s shop has tripled, due to many clients being turned away from other butcher shops not taking animals. This stems from more boxed meats now being shipped in from the Midwest. The pandemic has not been a major concern; he has little contact with the public, a healthy crew, and his containers are sanitized daily. He hopes to maintain high-quality local retail products for customers. He added that no one has really asked about his safety practices during the pandemic.

- **CSAs/Farm Stands (Patrice Barrentine):** Summer CSAs are largely sold out, with attention turning to fall CSAs, as many people seek alternatives to grocery stores. Farm stands are seeing increased sales, and thefts, perhaps due to increased need from the pandemic. The Commission agreed to revisit this issue at its September meeting.

### **KC CARES Relief Funding for Farms, Farmers Markets, & Food Banks (Richard Martin)**

Mr. Martin reviewed two King County programs providing COVID-19 funding relief for agricultural entities:

- **COVID-19 Supplemental Bill:** This \$3.5 million is routed through the Department of Local Services (DLS) and covers a broad range of reimbursable expenses for small businesses. The deadline to apply is tomorrow.
- **KC CARES:** This is \$1.4 million earmarked for farmers and farmers' markets in King County, for reimbursable expenses incurred March – December 2020. Covered categories include: farms (\$500K), farmers' markets (\$410K), farm business support for online sales (\$125K), farm-to-food banks (\$150K), and farm-to-senior centers (\$150K). Applications open August 1, with more information expected soon.

### **COVID-19 Resources & Policy That Benefit Farmers (Caleb Gwerder, Washington Farm Bureau)**

Mr. Gwerder reviewed the state Farm Bureau's distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to farms and farm workers in Washington to slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes masks and sanitizer, which are distributed via regular "distribution days." Over 107,000 workers have been protected so far; including 285 employees at nine King County farms. The highest demand for these supplies has been in eastern Washington. 20,000 more gallons of sanitizer are coming, as well as 500,000 more masks. These supplies come at no cost to farmers; state government pays for it, and some masks come from non-profit organizations. To request a distribution day for King County, interested farmers should contact the King-Pierce County Farm Bureau office.

Farm Bureau also has a seat at legislative negotiations to support agricultural interests. Its representatives regularly send letters to the Governor's office and legislators. Leann Krainick added that Farm Bureau has a program for farmers with hired employees and who pay premiums to the state's Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). Farm Bureau assists in managing those going through the L&I process.

### **Local Food Finder (Patrice Barrentine)**

The finder is a new online tool conceived in Farm King County's technical assistance team meetings. Farmers and farmers' markets can sign up to create a free map listing for their business via [FarmKingCounty.org](http://FarmKingCounty.org). The public can search the listings, filterable by their location, desired product, and pick-up location. Official launch and distribution of the link is Monday, through the Executive's office as part of the Local Food Initiative. Ms. Barrentine noted that while this is a King County project, it is also a stepping stone for a proposed similar statewide tool in the next few years.

### **Beefing Up Infrastructure USDA Mobile Meat Processing (Darron Marzolf, Patrice Barrentine)**

Mr. Marzolf reported that the preliminary USDA inspection of the mobile unit went well, but requires a few changes to be made before opening. He expects the work to be done in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Barrentine presented a slideshow reviewing progress of the project and briefly reviewed its history. Mr. Marzolf has done most of the labor, including building the processing unit; Ms. Barrentine noted the USDA inspector praised the "humane handling" of animals at Mr. Marzolf's facility. Official launch of the mobile unit is expected in August, conducted via webinar.

### **Zoning: KC Comprehensive Plan Update & New W/B/D Moratorium (Patrice Barrentine)**

- Proposed changes to King County's Comprehensive Plan include addressing mitigation of impacts for farmland removed from an APD. In the proposal, such removals can only occur if the intruding infrastructure meets a regional need. If no 1:1 replacement of land is available in the affected APD, land from another APD must be substituted at a 3:1 replacement rate.
- In May, KCC's Growth Management Hearing Board invalidated nearly all new code addressing wineries, breweries, and distilleries (W/B/D), rendering code for these establishments unclear. W/B/Ds can no longer be licensed as home occupations under the moratorium. The law is essentially being held in the courts now. Jackie White, staff for KC Councilmember Kathy Lambert, explained the moratorium only applies to "new" uses, not existing uses that were trying to navigate through the proposed legislation. The moratorium was imposed to offer a sort of "pause" and clarity for the legislative process until a court decision is reached.
- Five parcels are being added to the Snoqualmie APD in the new comp plan revision, three near Carnation and two near Fall City. This is the result of ongoing work by Eric Beach of DNRP.

### **"Green Where We Work" Project for King County DNRP (Richard Martin)**

Mr. Martin reported that DNRP leadership has submitted to the Executive a proposed shift to permanent teleworking for 800 of its 1,800 employees, to be completed by January 1, 2021. Other County agencies are considering similar options. DNRP's location would shrink from three and a half floors to one floor of King Street Center in Seattle, and

other County agencies in “less-green” buildings would relocate to the LEED-certified KSC. This shift is expected long-term to be a major cost savings for the County and reduce its carbon footprint. Employee productivity and attendance has also improved with COVID-19-induced teleworking. County staff will remain available to contact at normal business hours, and field work is being conducted by appointment, with social distancing.

**General Public Comment (Nayab Khan)**

There was no public comment during this period.

**Concerns of Commissioners (Nayab Khan)**

**Leann Krainick** asked Kevin Wright about plans for 4H events in the county, given the closure of the county and the Washington State Fair. Mr. Wright said WSU is working with the Enumclaw expo center and hopes to put on a showcase event if King County can achieve Phase 4 of reopening. If no in-person event is possible, a virtual/online fair is planned for that same weekend. The state fair is also planning online events, with a plan out by July 25. Ms. Krainick requested this information be made more public, as many kids have voiced concerns.

***Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm***

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**Next Meeting**

September 10, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Video Conference Call)



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September 10, 2020

The Honorable Dow Constantine  
County Executive, King County  
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Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Constantine:

The King County Agriculture Commission is writing in support of your office's recent grant proposal to the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA) through the recent COVID-relief CARES Act allocation. King County's proposal seeks to create a Broadband network from Fall City to Carnation, WA in the Snoqualmie Agricultural Production District. This district, home to 214 commercial farm businesses operating on 1,000 acre farms are the lifeblood of food security in North King County. While these farms are less than 40 miles from Seattle, they do not have high speed internet to run their businesses.

Farmers need high speed internet to be competitive and to access up to date traffic, weather, flooding, and market information. Farmers need high speed internet to interact with customers electronically, especially through online sales platforms that require more bandwidth. And farmers need high speed internet so they can interact with and other agricultural service providers through Skype and Zoom without having to leave their farm.

We appreciate this opportunity to support King County's proposal and look forward to having faster internet for farm businesses in this farming region soon.

Sincerely,

Nayab Khan, Chair  
King County Agriculture Commission

cc: Dow Constantine, County Executive, King County  
Anton Allison, Director of Economic Development & Economic Recovery, Office of Executive Dow Constantine  
Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division (WLRD),

DNRP

Katherine Taylor, Government Relations, DNRP

Richard Martin, Manager, AFI, WLRD, DNRP

Patrice Barrentine, Staff Liaison, Agriculture Commission, WLRD, DNRP

# Phase 2 and 3 Agritourism COVID-19 Requirements

## Summary of changes to guidance as of August 28, 2020

The following additional activities are permitted, if specific requirements described herein can be met:

- Animal viewing
- Hay/wagon/train rides
- Children's play equipment/games
- Private firepit/bonfires

Agritourism businesses are permitted to operate, provided all requirements in this document are met. For purposes of this guidance, agritourism is defined as a form of commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and/or processing with tourism in order to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and/or educating the visitors and generating income for the farm, ranch, or business owner. Examples of agritourism include, but are not limited to Christmas tree farms, u-pick berry farms, corn mazes and pumpkin patches. Each business must adopt a written procedure for operations at least as protective as the specific requirements outlined below and complies with all employee safety and health requirements.

Agritourism businesses must ensure strict adherence to all measures established by the Governor's guidance, the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Prevention: General Requirements](#), and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus/Workplace> (DOH).

## General Requirements

1. Inform customers they are required to:
  - Stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Use cloth face coverings when visiting.
  - Practice proper physical distancing.
2. Whenever possible, operations should be held outdoors or in outdoor covered areas with optimal ventilation (examples of this are covered areas with no more than two walls). Outdoor operations must ensure six feet of physical distance between customers (except between members of the same household). This may necessitate requiring customers to make reservations in advance or sign up for a specific time slot when they arrive.
3. Indoor operations are limited to retail and food service activities.
4. Retail and food service activities are required to follow [Department of Health's COVID-19 Guidelines for Farmers Markets](#) (regardless if held indoors or outdoors).
5. Payment Handling
  - When possible, allow mobile, credit card, or other cash-free payment options.
  - Staff will disinfect check-out counters and payment touchpads at least every hour.
  - Provide handwashing or hand sanitizer for employees handling payment.
6. Use timed ticketing or on-line/phone reservations for any activity, when possible.
7. Provide sufficient hand sanitizing stations for customers.
8. Post signs at any wait lines, requiring six feet of physical distance and mark appropriately. Have staff stationed to monitor.



9. Activities such as indoor haunted houses/mazes, high-touch games/activities that cannot be sanitized between each user, inflatable jumping equipment, and animal petting areas are not permitted.

#### U-Pick and Tree Farm Requirements

1. Ensure proper physical distancing of a minimum of six feet, one-way traffic in the fields, as well as appropriate signage to ensure washing of fruits/vegetables before consumption & use.
2. Upon entrance & exit to the designated U-Pick/tree area, encourage visitors to wash/sanitize their hands.
3. Any waiting areas will be set up for six feet physical distancing, with appropriate signage and spacing markers.
4. Transportation to fields, must follow requirements below for hay/wagon/train rides.
5. Shared equipment, such as wheelbarrows and saws, must be sanitized between uses.

#### Hay/Wagon/Train Ride Requirements

1. Consider the space provided for each customer when determining the maximum number of people allowed onboard. Ensure there is six feet of physical distance between each household group. If physical distancing is not possible, a physical barrier will be utilized.
2. Use a "load back to front" and unload "front to back" to promote one-way pattern and physical distancing.
3. For trains, cars should be limited to members of the same household. Skip a car between households.
4. High touch areas, such as handrails, safety rails and other common surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected between each trip.
5. Create adequate space for physical distancing during tour check-ins. Use visual markers for reference.
6. Have hand sanitizer available for staff and customers.

#### Outdoor Corn Maze/Haunted House Requirements

1. The maze/haunted house should be designed as a no-touch outdoor activity, that is a one-way path. High-touch props and decorations should not be used.
2. Assign an employee to manage entrance, allowing for timed entry and appropriate physical distancing between groups.
3. Groups will be limited to a single household, and no more than five individuals from separate households.
4. Provide a hand-washing station or alternative hand sanitizing method at entrance and exit, and post signs to encourage customers to utilize before and after.
5. Staff members who are part of the haunt/maze will ensure six feet or more is always kept between groups.
6. A clear plastic barrier will be between and any actors and customers in the haunt/maze.
7. Staff shall not be allowed to change costumes/characters/masks in-show, ensuring less cross contamination. Nightly cleaning and disinfecting of masks, face shields, goggles and costumes, etc.
8. Common surfaces should be regularly sanitized.

### Playground/Farm Equipment and Activities Requirements

1. Remove or rearrange equipment to allow for social distancing.
2. Increase the number of hand sanitizing stations throughout the space.
3. Install signage to discourage group congregation. People from the same household can be together, but 6 feet of physical distance should be maintained for people from different households.
4. Playground and activity capacity should be reduced to 50%.
5. Where possible, provide for one-way traffic with signage designating entrance, exit, and reinforcing one-way direction of traffic.
6. Regularly sanitize frequently touched surfaces. In particular, sanitize equipment/materials between customer use when possible.

### Animal Viewing Requirements

1. Animal viewing exhibits will be held outdoors or in outdoor covered areas with optimal ventilation.
2. Ensure six feet of physical distancing and one-way traffic.
3. Regularly sanitize handrails, gates, and other frequently touched surfaces including employee used equipment.
4. Install signage to discourage group congregation, or to limit numbers of people in a certain area. Customers will be reminded to be mindful of physical distancing around exhibits.
5. Request visitors to leave the area immediately after they are done to eliminate congestion/gathering.

### Private Fire Pits/Bonfires Requirements

1. Parties limited to household members plus no more than five individuals from separate households – provided area can safely accommodate.
2. Sanitize frequently touched areas between groups.

### **Employee Safety and Health**

An agritourism employer, during any phase has a general obligation to keep a safe and healthy facility in accordance with state and federal law and safety and health rules for a variety of workplace hazards. In addition, they must comply with the following COVID-19 worksite-specific safety practices as outlined in Governor Inslee's "Safe Start – Stay Healthy" Proclamation 20-25 and in accordance with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries [General Requirements and Prevention Ideas for Workplaces](#) and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus/workplace>. All events are required to post signage at the entrance to the event requiring participants to use cloth face coverings when inside the event.

Employers must specifically ensure operations follow the main L&I COVID-19 requirements to protect workers, including:

- Educate workers in the language they understand best about coronavirus and how to prevent transmission and the employer's COVID-19 policies.
- Maintain minimum six-foot separation between all employees (and participants) in all interactions at all times. When strict physical distancing is not feasible for a specific task, other

prevention measures are required, such as use of barriers, minimize staff or participants in narrow or enclosed areas, and staggering breaks and work shift starts.

- Provide (at no cost to employees) and require the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields and face masks as appropriate or required for the activity being performed. **Cloth facial coverings must be worn by every employee not working alone on the jobsite unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under Department of Labor & Industries safety and health rules and guidance.**
  - Exceptions to this requirement for cloth face coverings include when working alone in an office, vehicle, or at a job site; if the individual is deaf or hard of hearing and is communicating with someone who relies on language cues such as facial markers and expression and mouth movements as a part of communication; if the individual has a medical condition or disability that makes wearing a facial covering inappropriate; or when the job has no in-person interaction.
  - Refer to [Washington Coronavirus Hazard Considerations for Employers \(except COVID-19 care in hospitals & clinics\) Face Coverings, Masks, and Respirator Choices](#) for additional details. Cloth face coverings are described in the [Department of Health guidance](#).
- Ensure frequent and adequate hand washing with adequate maintenance of supplies. Use disposable gloves where safe and applicable to prevent virus transmission on tools or other items that are shared.
- Establish a housekeeping schedule that includes frequent cleaning and sanitizing with a particular emphasis on commonly touched surfaces.
- Screen employees for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 at start of their shift. Make sure sick employees stay home or immediately go home if they feel or appear sick. Cordon off any areas where an employee with probable or confirmed COVID-19 illness worked, touched surfaces, etc. until the area and equipment is cleaned and sanitized. Follow the [cleaning guidelines set by the CDC](#) to deep clean and sanitize.
- Post a sign at the entrance to the business that requires customers to wear cloth face coverings.

A COVID-19 supervisor shall be designated by the employer at each event to monitor the health of employees and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan.

A worker may refuse to perform unsafe work, including hazards created by COVID-19. It is unlawful for an employer to take adverse action against a worker who has engaged in safety-protected activities under the law if the individual's work refusal meets certain requirements. Information is available in these publications: [Safety and Health Discrimination in the Workplace brochure](#) and [Spanish Safety and Health Discrimination brochure](#).

Employees who choose to remove themselves from a work site because they do not believe it is safe to work due to the risk of COVID-19 exposure may have access to certain leave or unemployment benefits. Employers must provide high-risk individuals covered by Proclamation 20-46 with their choice of access to available employer-granted accrued leave or unemployment benefits if an alternative work arrangement is not feasible. Other employees may have access to expanded family and medical leave included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, access to unemployment benefits, or access to other paid time off depending on the circumstances. Additional information is available at [Novel Coronavirus Outbreak \(COVID-19\) Resources](#) and [Paid Leave under the Washington Family Care Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).

**No agritourism business may operate until it can meet and maintain all the requirements in this document, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply. Additional considerations may be adopted, as appropriate.**

All issues regarding worker safety and health are subject to enforcement action under L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

- Employers can request COVID-19 [prevention advice and help](#) from L&I's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).
- Employee Workplace safety and health complaints may be submitted to the L&I DOSH Call Center: (1-800-423-7233) or via e-mail to [adag235@lni.wa.gov](mailto:adag235@lni.wa.gov).
- General questions about how to comply with agreement practices can be submitted to the state's Business Response Center at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>.
- All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/report-safe-start-violation>.