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Subject: Important: Urgent Phone Call Today at 4:00 PM to Discuss PPE Survey Results and Immediate Mask Distribution Plan
Importance: High

Greetings Commissioners,

Today at 4:00 PM we are going to have a phone call to discuss our efforts to obtain PPE supplies through CalOES and their distribution plan, which will happen as soon as tomorrow or Friday.

Today 4:00 pm
Conference Line: 866-726-2060
Participant Code: 2730556

About two weeks ago, you distributed a survey link on behalf of Secretary Ross and Director Dolcini to your ag industry partners requesting detailed information regarding their PPE needs. Using the results of that survey, we have been working with CalOES to procure masks and gloves to fulfill those needs. We have had some limited success in procuring a few items, which will be distributed by CalOES to the counties based on the survey results. The key participants in the distribution plan of these items to ag industry partners at the county level will be the Ag Commissioner for each county and each county's OES office. The following details the specifics of the procured items and the distribution plan.

Supplies

N95 Masks – We have not been able to procure N95 masks required for pesticide applications yet. We will continue to push for these masks and hope to procure some for agricultural purposes, but there are no guarantees at this point.

KN95 Masks – CalOES is not procuring these masks specifically because of inconsistent quality across suppliers from different counties. However, CalOES does have level 2 & 3 surgical masks that can serve as a substitute for these KN95 masks for certain agricultural purposes (non-pesticide purposes). We plan to distribute these surgical masks to the counties based on the survey results of entities that requested KN95 masks.

Cloth Face Coverings – There are 15 counties that have operating migrant farmworker centers overseen by the CA Dept of Housing/Community Development that need cloth face coverings. We plan to distribute these cloth face coverings to the counties in question specifically for these farmworker centers. Other entities requiring cloth face coverings should be able to procure these on their own.

Other PPE Supplies – Regarding the need for other types of ppe and cleaning supplies, we are presently unable to procure other items.

Distribution Plan

CalOES will deliver supplies to the county with the Ag Commissioner as the point of contact. We envision that the CAC office will be in charge of distributing supplies to industry partners according to the survey results. We have increased the number of masks for each county beyond the survey amount to account for those entities that did not respond to the survey, but also have a need.