



Agricultural Workers and KN95 Masks



Physical distancing is best

Stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from other people. Physical distancing and face coverings together help protect people.



Clean hands

Wash hands often with soap and warm water after touching surfaces. Do not touch eye, nose or mouth.



What about KN95 masks?

KN95 masks can limit transmission of the virus by limiting the release of droplets and aerosols from coughs, sneezes and talking. KN95 masks are better than surgical facemasks and homemade cloth masks, but they can make breathing difficult for some people and in certain situations.



Things to know about wearing a mask

We recommend that people, particularly those with health conditions such as asthma, heart or lung conditions, or other conditions that make breathing difficult, choose a mask that allows them to breathe freely. People wearing a mask should take frequent short breaks as needed.

When should agricultural workers use KN95 masks?

KN95 and other masks are needed whenever indoors and especially when workers are close to each other and 6 feet (2 meters) of distance is not possible. This includes during shared rides in employer provided transportation to their place of work, office, field or other location.

When should agricultural workers NOT wear KN95 masks?

- KN95 masks should not be worn while a person is doing a lot of physical exertion or during work in a lot of heat and high temperature.
- KN95 masks do not offer adequate respiratory protection for those applying pesticides and should not be worn for that purpose.

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