Agricultural Workers and KN95 Masks

**Physical distancing is best**
Stay at least six (6) feet 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 protect people from the virus by blocking droplets 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 who have trouble breathing with any mask not use a KN95 mask and use a mask that allows them to breathe freely. People wearing a mask should take frequent short breaks as needed. People with health conditions such as asthma, heart or lung conditions, or other conditions that make breathing difficult should use masks that make breathing easier.

**When should agricultural workers use KN95 masks?**
KN95 and other masks are needed when the workers are close to each other and six (6) feet of distance is not possible. This includes during shared rides in employer provided transportation to their place of work, office, field, or other location. Workers
may choose to wear a mask when sharing rides in personal vehicles. Per OHA’s Mask and Face Covering Guidance for Business, Transit, and the Public guidance, all people are required to wear a mask or face covering while using public transit.

**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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