

HEAT RELATED ILLNESS SAFETY CHECKLIST

The symptoms for heat-related illness often look very similar to other illnesses such as COVID-19. These symptoms include but are not limited to fever, headache, nausea, and fatigue. Keeping workers safe should always be your #1 priority. During COVID-19, it's especially important that workers do not get a heat-related illness, since this can make it harder to know whether someone has COVID-19.

Employers and/or workers can use this form to complete safety checks on the farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at: http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Do workers who have preexisting conditions, are older than 65, are pregnant, or who had COVID-19 given more breaks in the shade and with food and cool fluids available?			3. No.
Are hot, physically-demanding jobs scheduled early in the day with more people scheduled to do these jobs, to reduce the load on each person?			
Have all workers been trained to prevent, recognize and treat heat-related illness in themselves and others?			
Does each worker have their own water bottle? Is it washed daily?			
Is the location where workers get water <u>disinfected</u> and <u>cleaned</u> after each use?			
Do workers begin each shift by drinking plenty of fluids, including electrolyte-containing sports drinks?			
Are workers given more breaks to rest and hydrate as the temperature rises?			
Do workers end each shift resting and drinking plenty of cold fluids to ensure their bodies cool down? Heat stress can become magnified over consecutive days.			
Does each worker know (1) how and (2) which medical provider to call in case of an emergency? Does the provider speak the workers' language(s)?			
Are workers being acclimatized? In other words, are workers gradually increasing their exposure time in hot environmental conditions over a 7-14 day period?			
Name of person completing safety check:		Date co	ompleted: / /

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Heat Illness Training Videos *U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers*English | Spanish

Heat Stress and PPE

Global Heat Health Information Network http://www.ghhin.org/heat-and-covid-19/PPE

Heat Stress Prevention

Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs https://afop.org/health-safety/heat-stress-prevention/#toggle-id-2

OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/heatapp.html

Heat Related Illness Video

Ag Health and Safety Alliance & Southwest Ag Center English | Spanish

Heat Illness Prevention: Training Materials for Educators (English and Spanish)

Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (PNASH) http://deohs.washington.edu/pnash/heat illness

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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