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Ag Officials Encourage Safe Industry Practices to Prevent COVID-19 Spread

County and state officials are encouraging agriculture and livestock business owners to adjust workplace protocol and behavior to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner Jeffrey Dolf said Cal/OSHA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture have created specific guidance for the agriculture and livestock industry related to COVID-19.

Dolf said his office has also received an allotment of single-use N95 masks which they are distributing to local industry members for their employees. "It's important that we all do everything we can to keep ourselves and our employees safe," he said.

Additionally, Dolf said agricultural businesses are required to complete a COVID-19 business plan. To learn more and to fill out a plan, visit humboldt.gov/covidreopening.

Guidelines regarding social distancing, the use of facial coverings and increased cleanliness remain the same across sectors. Specific safety recommendations for farmworkers are available at the California Department of Food and Agriculture's website www.cdffa.ca.gov/coronavirus/#updates.

Industry-specific guidance can also be located at Cal/OSHA's website www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/.

To request masks from the Ag Office, call 707-441-5260 or email agcommissioner@co.humboldt.ca.us.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, visit cdc.gov or cdph.ca.gov. Local information is available at humboldt.gov or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldt.gov/dashboard,

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