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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GARY MCDOWELL  
DIRECTOR

August 31, 2021

Dear Migrant Labor Housing Providers:

Today, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Gary McDowell issued a continuation of the [Pandemic Public Health Measures in Migrant Agricultural Worker Housing Emergency Rules](#) through the end of the 2021 calendar year.

As you know, the previously issued emergency rules on March 2, 2021, were set to expire on September 2, 2021, and required migrant labor housing providers to create an emergency and preparedness plan to help prevent exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, to care for individuals with COVID-19, and to prevent the spread of disease among agricultural workers. The rules are intended to protect the health of Michigan's agricultural workers and the communities in which they live. It builds on the guidance and recommendations issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Here is how this extension may apply to you:

- If your camp is closed for the season, please disregard this letter.
- If you are already licensed, continue to follow your COVID-19 preparedness and response plan through the end of the calendar year or until your camp is closed for the season.
- If you are applying for a license for the remainder of the year, you must meet applicable licensing inspection requirements and have a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan that MDARD inspectors will review and observe its implementation as part of the normal migrant housing licensing inspection process.

MDARD provided both a [checklist](#) with items that must be covered in the plan as well as a template to assist housing providers in meeting the requirements of this plan.

MDARD values the health and safety of our food and agricultural workers. A question and answer document has been updated and posted [here](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact your Migrant Labor Housing program inspector.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Majed Ghussaini'.

Majed Ghussaini  
Migrant Labor Housing Program Manager