NC DEPARTMENT OF
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A Grower's Guide – Identifying Safe Housing for Farmworkers
What to do if you need to identify Isolation/Quarantine Housing

Disclaimer: While outreach workers can assist, **_growers are responsible for identifying and providing safe_** **_farmworker housing options_**. *Isolate symptomatic farmworkers from asymptomatic farmworkers immediately. Notify NC DOL immediately if workers need to be moved to alternate housing.*

STEP 1: Identify the need
Which of the following health designations applies to the COVID19 affected person?
- COVID+/Need Isolation = Tested positive for COVID-19
- Exposed/Need Quarantine = Have been exposed to COVID-19
- High Risk/Need Social Distancing = High-risk for COVID-19

STEP 2: Find Housing Option
Option 1: Vacant migrant farm housing the nearby area
- **ALL options that require moving farmworkers to new housing must FIRST be approved by the North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL)** (apart from hotels which do not require approval).
- **If there is a known available migrant housing option in another location**, the **grower** must call the NCDOL to see if housing is approved (If not, NCDOL will determine what steps must be taken to obtain certification or emergency approval). Workers cannot be moved to housing that has not been certified or approved by NCDOL.
- Contact Beth Rodman, NCDOL Bureau Chief (919) 707-7810.

Option 2: Review NCS-Access List and call to see if they can provide housing support
- If there is **no response** OR if there is **no availability** at the option listed OR **no option listed**, **contact the local health department and/or local emergency management team to address housing needs (this varies by county, so we recommend contacting both).**

Resources:
- [NCS-Access Points (Updated Regularly on the NC DHHS COVID-19 Response webpage)](#)
- [Local County Health Departments and Contact Numbers](#)
- [Local County Emergency Management Teams and Contact Numbers](#)
- NC DOL Housing Resources:
  - [Emergency Migrant Housing Certification](#)
  - [COVID Housing General Guidelines](#)