

County of Ventura
Ventura County Public Health
Farmworker Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Program
Program Description and Mobile Team Request Process

Purpose:

Ventura County Public Health Farmworker Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Program provides COVID-19 vaccine to essential workers in the agricultural sector in the field where they work.

Target population:

Vaccines administered by the Farmworker Mobile Vaccine Program are for agricultural workers who, as a result of employment, transportation, lack of health care provider, language barriers, or clinic hours, lack access to COVID-19 vaccine who would otherwise not be able to access the vaccine. We understand that farm employers have employees who do not work in the field, they are encouraged to get their vaccine at the existing Community Vaccination sites. Please visit www.venturacountyrecovers.org/ for appointments.

How Farm Employers can request the mobile clinic:

Farm employers in Ventura County who are interested in providing this opportunity to their agricultural employees and who will commit to register their employees can request the mobile vaccine clinic.

Interested farm employers can request the mobile clinic by signing up at the following email address:

farmworkermobileclinic@ventura.org

Include in the email request the information below:

- Name of company/organization
- Contact name, email and phone number
- Number of employees to be vaccinated
- Proposed location where mobile clinic will be held

NOTE: If you have more than one ranch, please include a list with the number of employees to be vaccinated from each ranch. Employers can request to host a mobile clinic event or bring employees to a centralized COVID-19 mobile vaccine clinic depending on the number of employees.

If hosting at your location, please confirm that you can provide and set up the following:

- Space for parking of mobile clinic staff and employees coming from other ranches, (potentially if multiple ranches are scheduled).
- Space for both the vaccination site, a post-vaccine observation and triage area. This typically includes canopies, tables and chairs, plus an additional number of chairs for observation area. This number may expand and contract depending on the number of vaccinators needed for the number of employees to be vaccinated. As an example, we need 7 tables, 7 canopies (EZ Ups), 24 chairs for vaccination stations, 100-120 chairs for observation area to serve 500 farmworkers over a 5-hour timeframe. We can confirm this once we begin the scheduling process.
- Bathroom and handwashing availability
- Electricity
- Drinking water
- Contact person on site on vaccination day for contingencies.

Employer responsibilities:

- Online pre-registration of all employees is required by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to vaccination day. Public Health will provide the registration link. Registration of all eligible individuals receiving vaccine is a State requirement. **Please do not share link.**
- Share educational materials and opportunities for Q&A with employees. Public Health will provide these materials via email.

- Provide employees with the time they will need to get vaccine and wait out the 15-minute observation period.
- Commit to hosting the mobile clinic for the second dose, approximately one month after the first dose. Online pre-registration for second dose of all employees is required. Vaccination day for 2nd dose is automatically scheduled at the time of first dose.
- Help employees understand what they can expect from the company if they feel sick after they get the vaccine. Provide responses to questions about sick leave post vaccine.
- Encourage and support employees to get vaccinated.

When can employers expect to be contacted to schedule an event:

Based on availability of staff and vaccine supply, Public Health will accommodate requests as follows:

- Companies with 800 or more employees will be asked to split their employees over two or more days depending on the number of employees interested in getting the vaccine.
- Companies with 500-800 will be scheduled for 1-2 days, depending on number of employees interested in getting the vaccine.
- Companies with 150- 500 will be scheduled for one day.
- Companies with less than 150 employees will be served at a vaccination clinic at a centralized location along with other farm employers.
- Public Health’s goal is to maximize accessibility and availability. Mobile Clinics will be scheduled based on the need to fill in a full day’s schedule. For example, if we have a large company with 500 employees, we may also schedule a smaller farm with 100 or less employees on the same day and within the same city.

We appreciate your patience as we strive to accommodate all requests. Public Health will confirm receipt of your email within 24 hours. Public Health will also give you an estimate for when the Farmworker Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine program will be able to accommodate your worksite.

Weather and Cancellation Accommodation:

Please note that weather accommodations will need to be considered. Weather, either rain, wind, fire, temperature, or other natural inclement weather condition may require that we postpone mobile vaccine clinic. Public Health will be in touch to discuss options and opportunities as soon as it becomes apparent that weather may be an issue.

Other options:

We encourage employers to refer employees unable to participate on vaccination day, including those unable to participate in the mobile clinic for their second dose to register for the existing vaccination sites found on www.venturacountyrecovers.org/ or in Spanish, at www.serecuperavc.org/ for registration assistance, to call (805) 477-7161 (Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 805-371-8321 (Monday thru Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). Agriculture/Food sector employees that are not farmworkers are encouraged to access the community vaccination sites (PODS) listed on the COVID website for appointment.

Partnership

Farmworker Resource Program staff will be available at Farmworker Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine events to provide resources and onsite interpretation services. Mixteco and Zapoteco language interpretation is available upon request.