**Shared Housing & COVID-19**

**Everyday Tips for Extraordinary Times**

1. **Plaster with Posters**
   Post simple how-to posters where they matter, i.e. hand washing reminders by sinks & informational posters in high-visibility areas.

2. **Create Ins and Outs**
   Designate one door as an entrance and another door as an exit. Install window fans to pull inside air out.

3. **Live Together, Apart**
   It’s easier to spread out with: movable furniture like folding or beach chairs, t.v. trays, shady areas for hanging outside, the t.v. centrally placed in the living space.

4. **Divide and conquer**
   Hang plastic shower curtains between beds, alternate sleeping directions so heads are as distanced as possible, provide foot-operated lidded trashcans, give each worker a set of dishware (plate, bowl, cup, silverware) and sponge to wash and store separately from others.

5. **Rein in Herd Behavior**
   Create individual time slots for using shared laundry facilities & stagger lunch times and breaks.

6. **Be a Nudge**
   Mark frequently handled items—door knobs, washing machine dials, refrigerator handles, faucets—with bright signs or neon duct tape.

7. **Get Them Hooked**
   Provide individual hooks (or cubbies or lockers) to hang cloth face coverings, work gloves, safety glasses, coveralls, aprons, etc.

8. **Clamp Down on Cleaning**
   Post a cleaning checklist of what needs to be cleaned or sanitized daily in housing units; create a box for initials next to list items; collect often.

9. **Be “On” for Days Off**
   Arrange for groceries to be delivered or picked up curbside; help with wiring funds to workers’ families or cashing checks (be sure to carefully document for both); ask food trucks to provide product lists and order forms for no-entry shopping.

10. **Monitor Traffic**
    Limit visitors (on the farm and at shared housing); require cloth face coverings; screen anyone (especially other workers) coming onto the farm from other communities or off-farm housing.

**Create a Plan**
So that if someone gets sick, you are prepared. You have alternative housing. You know what to do, who to call, how to help, and how to respond. Panic free.