

WORKER HEALTH AND HYGIENE (includes questions 114 through 144)

This section must be completed one time for each set of workers, based on worker type (field or packing facility worker) and location, e.g., field workers at three locations and packing facility workers at two locations would be five sets of workers.

If there is more than one set of workers you will need additional copies of this section.

- If using MS Word: copy, paste, and complete this section for each additional set of workers.
- If using Adobe PDF: fill out FDA Form 3623b for each additional set of workers.

Date:

Location of workers:

Mark the box indicating the type of workers covered:

- Field workers** **Packing Facility workers**

Investigators should speak with local/regional medical/public health officials regarding the following questions:

114. What kind of surveillance and reporting are conducted by local/regional public health authorities for the agent in this outbreak?

Investigators should request copies of summary surveillance reports from the local/regional public health authorities for the agent of concern for the past year or two. This will allow for an evaluation of disease trends.

115. Has there been any enteric disease in the farm workers or their families? No Yes
If so, explain what disease(s), and what testing was done:

116. Do workers seek medical attention when they are ill? No Yes
Explain:

Investigators should encourage firms to work with the local public health agency to have workers with enteric diseases tested for the agent of concern. If the local public health agency collected positive clinical isolates from workers for the agent of concern investigators should collect information available, including contacts that will allow OCM/OEO to coordinate obtaining clinical isolates, for comparison to those of outbreak victims.

117. What is the prevalence/incidence of enteric disease in the community and what agents are involved?

118. Are there cases of the disease under investigation among household contacts of workers? No Yes

Explain:

Ask the following questions at the farm and packing facility.

119. Is there health and hygiene training of workers in their own language? No Yes

Explain:

120. Is there training in sanitation practices for farm workers in their own language? No Yes

Explain:

121. Is there supervisory oversight for worker health/hygiene/sanitation? No Yes

Explain:

122. What toilet facilities are provided for workers (e.g., pit latrines, portable toilets, flush toilets)?

Explain:

123. Does the worker housing area provide toilet facilities? No Yes
and handwashing facilities? No Yes

Explain:

Are the toilets and handwashing facilities clean and supplied with soap, towels, toilet paper? No Yes

Explain:

124. Is dirty handwash water collected in a waste tank or sewage system? No Yes

125. Does dirty handwash water drain on to the ground? No Yes

- 126. Are toilet facilities provided convenient for workers in the fields? No Yes
Explain:

- Are workers given time to use the facilities as needed? No Yes
- 127. Is there any evidence that the toilet facilities are used? No Yes
- 128. Where are portable field toilets serviced (e.g., emptied)?

- 129. Is this done in a way that protects crops from contamination? No Yes
Explain:

- 130. How is the sewage collected from the holding tanks disposed of?

- 131. Is there evidence of human feces in or adjacent to the fields? No Yes
Explain:

- 132. Are handwashing facilities provided for field workers and are they supplied with water, soap and drying devices? No Yes
Explain:

- 133. Is there evidence that workers use the handwashing facilities after they use the toilet? No Yes
Explain:

- 134. Is liquid hand sanitizer used in placed of handwashing? No Yes
Explain:

- 135. Do workers touch the produce with their bare hands? No Yes
Explain:

- 136. Do workers wear disposable gloves when touching produce? No Yes
Who provides them?
Explain:

- 137. Are there children in the fields? No Yes
- 138. Do they come in contact with the produce? No Yes
- 139. Do they use toilet facilities versus excreting in the fields? No Yes

140. Do they wash their hands? No Yes
Explain:

141. Are diapers used? No Yes
If so, where are they changed and how are the soiled diapers disposed of?

142. Are worker's clothes, including mothers of small children, worn in the field or packing facility clean? No Yes
Explain:

143. Do farm workers or other persons frequent the fields at times when they are not working on the crops (e.g., is there loitering in the fields by persons who could contaminate the crops?) No Yes
Explain:

144. Do the field or plant workers have animals at home? No Yes
If yes, do they have any relevant health problems? No Yes
Explain: