



# YAKIMA HEALTH DISTRICT

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## Follow-Up from COVID-19 Consultation Visit

Site Visit- 5/1/2020

Evan's Fruit (Tieton, WA Facility),

Thank you for participating in our COVID-19 consultation program. We hope that our visit and recommendations lead to some success in being prepared and able to prevent COVID-19 in your facility. Below are a list of recommendations and resources we feel could benefit Evan's Fruit.

### Recommendations:

- Highly recommend that all staff are always wearing masks. Put out educational material demonstrating how to properly wear a mask to make them the most effective.
- Begin screening all employees before entering the facility and ask them questions regarding how they are feeling and if anyone from their household is sick, as well as take everyone's temperature. The person who will be doing this will need to be wearing gloves and a mask.
- Communicate with employees the importance of following the guidelines that have been implemented.
- Develop incentive programs to help encourage staff to follow guidelines.
- Mark tables where employees can sit (only two per table) to promote social distancing.
- Always encourage social distancing at all time, even outside of the workplace.

Based on what we saw there have been efforts to implement COVID-19 prevention measures in the facility, but it is strongly recommended you implement the measures outlined in this letter. The above recommendations are more things you can do to help stop the spread further. Again, thank you for your participation.

I also wanted to clarify the isolation and quarantine guidelines for you. If you have an employee test positive for COVID, they must ISOLATE for 10 days from the time their symptoms start **OR** 72 hours after their symptoms resolve, **whichever is longer**. It is my understanding that you were having staff isolate for 14 days and that is not needed.

If you have an employee that was exposed to a close contact that is COVID positive, the employee must QUARANTINE for 14 days. COVID can take up to 14 days to show symptoms which is why the longer



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period. If the employee becomes ill during that 14 days, they should get tested and start their 10 days of ISOLATION if positive.

I hope that all makes sense. Isolation is for those that are sick, quarantine is exposed but not sick.

## Resource for Masks:

Darren Uceny  
Go USA  
509-691-5997  
[darrenu@gousaquality.com](mailto:darrenu@gousaquality.com)  
or

submit a resource request to the Emergency Ops Center to the email address

Resource Support Section Chief [EOCRSSC@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:EOCRSSC@co.yakima.wa.us)

Again, thank you for taking the time to show our staff your process and provide guidance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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