SUGGESTIONS FOR SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE VINEYARD
DURING COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK

In our ongoing efforts to support members and provide relevant information during this unprecedented time, the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation have compiled the following suggestions for enhanced safety protocols for vineyard crews.

OFFICE

- Close or limit office social interaction where possible
- Prepare for a Shelter in Place directive from the County
- Provide employees the ability and the tools to work remotely from home
- Cancel in-person meetings and host via conference call, cell phone or online

IN THE VINEYARD

- Hold daily meetings in English and in Spanish to discuss new sanitation requirements with crew leaders and crews
- Provide these protocols in writing in English and in Spanish
- Require everyone to wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before starting work
- Separate crews by a 10ft distance from each other (approximately every other vineyard row)
- Have crews eat and take breaks alone and not next to one another
- Break crews for breaks and lunch in shifts, so they are always in smaller groups
- Restrooms are a potential focal point of where transmission is going to happen - keep them clean and sanitized

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• Toilet seat protectors should be used
• Provide gloves and ensure their use
• Add more portable hand washing stations throughout the vineyard/ranch with larger 40-gal tanks to allow employees to wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds
• Develop spray programs with longer intervals that can take operations into July
• Provide individual water bottles for all employees to prevent individuals from touching water cooler knobs
• Give daily reminders of these new best practices to continue to emphasize the need for enhanced safety precautions
• Add a safety protocol review meeting with anyone who comes on property to maintain these new standards for visitors as well