

Measures to be taken for the Protection of Seasonal Agricultural Workers (MTI) during the Pandemic Period

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Community Health Center and Affiliated Units Regulation 2015, T.C. In line with the Prime Ministry Circular and the Ministry of Internal Affairs Circular dated 03.04.2020, measures will be taken for the travels of MTIs in the departure and arrival provinces, the areas they will stay and their basic needs. In addition, the following additional measures must be taken to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus infection epidemic during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Travel Rules

Before starting the travel of MTIs, symptom questioning and fever measurement should be performed in compliance with COVID-19, those who have symptoms and / or fever compatible with COVID-19 should not be allowed to travel, and should be provided to the healthcare facility to be evaluated for disease. MTIs without symptoms and / or fever compatible with COVID-19 should be provided to wear masks during travel.

- »In the event that passengers who do not have symptoms travel by train and plane, one seat on both sides should be left empty and they should sit and sit crosswise with the front and rear row passengers.
- »In the case of traveling by train and plane, the last row of seats (in order to accommodate those with possible symptoms during travel) should be left blank according to the direction of travel.
- »In the case of traveling by bus, half the passenger capacity of the vehicle should be taken and passengers should be provided to sit crosswise by jumping one seat.
- »If there is a sign of fever, cough, and respiratory distress during travel, he / she should be taken to the last seat and be asked to apply to the health institution.

Rules to be Followed in Arrival City / District

- Provincial / District Police Department is notified when seasonal agricultural workers come to the area where they will be accommodated.
- Social communication of seasonal agricultural workers with those living in the environment should be interrupted. For this purpose, law enforcement officers of the Provincial / District Police Department work and take the necessary measures.
- Masks should be worn in closed and open areas where social distance cannot be achieved.
- Sufficient masks should be provided by the employer / agent.
- A representative should be selected to provide daily needs. This representative provides all the needs of the seasonal agricultural workers living collectively on a daily basis. No external shopping should be made, except through this representative. If necessary, the transportation vehicle is provided to the

determined person by the employer.

- The shopper should not have any signs and symptoms of the disease.
- The shopper must comply with the rules of personal hygiene and social distance.
- During the shopping, both the shopper and the sales person wear a mask.

What City / District Health Directorate Should Do

- After the arrival of the MTIs, MITs are informed about COVID-19 and general infection prevention and control measures.
- Training on hand hygiene and hand washing should be done.
- Immunization, pregnant follow-up etc. in MTI. Care should be taken not to disrupt routine health services.
- For the early detection of the cases, fever measurements of the MTI with a 7-14 day period (using a laser thermometer) and symptom inquiries compatible with COVID-19 are provided by the Provincial / District Directorate of Health / Community Health Centers (TR Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guide Potential COVID-19 Interrogation Guideline for Outpatients)).
- Provincial / district health directorate should determine which number to call when the disease signs and symptoms appear, and give it to the MTIs. MTIs should be evaluated on-site, and considering the possible case, T.C. According to the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Guide, patient and contact follow-up should be performed.

Points to Consider During Accommodation in Arrival City / District

- Healthy accommodation conditions with appropriate infrastructure should be provided in the city / district of arrival. In case of accommodation in tents; It should be ensured that there is a distance of at least 2 meters between the tents and that the tent area is large enough to fall at least 3 square meters per person to stay in the tent.
- Considering drinking and general use together, 15-40 liters / person daily water is needed in temporary settlements.
- One of the most important basic requirements of MTI's accommodation and working places is to provide a healthy toilet. Depending on the number of people, the number of toilet cabins should be planned to be 1 toilet for a minimum of 10 people. Toilets settlement must be at least 30-50 meters away from the area.
- At least 1 meter (3-4 steps), which is the social distance between individuals, should be provided in the accommodation and working areas.
- Appropriate hand washing and bathing facilities should be provided within the framework of standards in accommodation and working areas. Bathing places; a wash tap for at least 10 people and a shower for 50 people (number of showers in the summer is 30 people).
- In order to minimize contact with garbage, support should be provided by municipalities / special provincial administrations to collect garbage frequently

and increase the hygiene conditions of the environment.

- If the MTI is to be transported to the work areas by shuttle service, it should be ensured by the employer / intermediaries to be transported by public transportation vehicles (half the passenger capacity of the vehicle should be picked up and passengers should be seated in a crosswise position).
- Immunization, pregnant follow-up etc. in MTI. Attention should be paid not to disrupt the routine health services
- Considering the contagiousness of COVID-19 disease, unauthorized passage from MTI's tents and working areas to other regions, districts and provinces should be prevented.

Possible / Definitive COVID-19 Determination Procedures in Seasonal Agricultural Workers

In case of any symptom or fever that is compatible with COVID-19 infection in any person of MTI;

- In the case of a COVID-19 positive person, the phone number specified by the Provincial / District Health Department of Contagious Diseases Unit should be called immediately.
- MTI with the indication of COVID-19 should be isolated. If it is determined by the Provincial / District Health Directorate / Community Health Center that the workers' accommodation conditions are not in compliance with the isolation principles, the appropriate isolation place must be determined by the Provincial Public District Board.
- Contact and close contacts with the possible COVID-19 phenomenon are managed by the Provincial / District Health Directorate. It is not allowed to leave the MTI contest with the case at least 10 days from the last case, and it should be kept in quarantine.

By the Provincial / District Health Directorate / Community Health Centers for the other MTI

- Reinforcement training should be given on the measures to be taken for protection from COVID-19,
- Fever measurements and symptom inquiries with a laser thermometer should be done in periods of 5-7 days (using the National COVID Guideline Possible COVID-19 Interrogation Guideline for Outpatients).