



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND POLICE CHIEFS

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To WASPC Members: The Joint Information Center (JIC) has asked us to send the following regarding Farm Workers as Essential

Spread the Facts: Are farmworkers considered essential? Yes.

Governor Inslee identified which businesses and workers are essential. His guidance specifically outlines the following:

- Farmworkers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically.
- Farmworkers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs.
- Will law enforcement require identification of essential workers? No. Law enforcement will not require that essential workers provide identification or other documentation to travel to work.
- Do "essential workers" need a special pass to prove they are allowed to go to work? Essential workers are permitted to travel to and from work without a special permit.

Please communicate at your discretion. Thanks, Steve

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