

# COVID-19 UPDATE



## CALIFORNIA ISSUES LIMITED STAY AT HOME ORDER

Late last week, Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced a [Limited Stay At Home Order](#) requiring that non-essential work, movement and gatherings stop between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. in counties that are in the purple tier. The order will take effect at 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st and remain until 5 a.m. on Monday, December 21st.

Agriculture is deemed an essential business however, employers should be prepared to ensure that employees who may be working during night shifts have documentation on-hand as they did when COVID-19 first began.

Please feel free to use this [sample letter](#) as a template for your essential agricultural employees.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee office. Thank you!

## OGCC WORKS TO ADDRESS RECENT PORT ISSUES

The Committee has recently been informed of some challenges agricultural exporters are currently facing at the ports, particularly concerning lack of container equipment and delayed and/or cancelled appointments.

It seems as though a surge in Asian imports bound for U.S. retailers stocking up for the holiday season is leading to a shortage of shipping capacity for U.S. exporters. This is especially true for agricultural producers who are now struggling to find containers to send products to overseas buyers.

The Committee has engaged with other agricultural coalitions across the nation to remain up to date on this ongoing issue and develop potential solutions moving forward. If you or someone you know has been impacted by these ongoing port issues, please communicate with the Committee as to how we can best be of service to address your specific challenges. Thank you, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions as well.