U.S. Department of Labor Offers Spanish Language Webinars on Coronavirus-Related Paid Leave Benefits for Agricultural Employers and Workers

WEST COVINA, CA – The U.S. Department of Labor will offer two webinars in Spanish for agricultural employers and employees in California about the paid sick and expanded family and medical leave benefits available under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA).

Presented by the Department’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD), the webinars will provide information on the rights and protections under the law, including eligibility, coverage, qualifying reasons and pay calculation.

WHAT: Spanish language webinars about the availability of paid leave for agricultural workers

WHEN: Thursday, June 18, 2020
10 a.m. to 11 a.m. PDT

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PDT

Join the presentations at https://dolwhd.cosocloud.com/ffcrawcdo/

To listen to the presentation, please call: 1-866-871-9043. Use Participant Code: 7422087#

“We are committed to providing information and education about the benefits and protections available under Families First Coronavirus Response Act to all workers and employers, including those in the Spanish-speaking community in the agricultural industry,” said Western Wage and Hour Division Regional Administrator Ruben Rosalez. “We encourage all those interested to join us for these informative webinars.”

Attendance is free, but space is limited so participants are encouraged to connect online or call in early to join the presentation. Members of the public with questions about attending the webinars should contact Community Outreach and Resource Planning Specialist Filiberto Quintero at (626)732-1088 or at Quintero.filiberto@dol.gov.

The FFCRA helps the U.S. combat and defeat the workplace effects of the coronavirus by giving tax credits to American businesses with fewer than 500 employees either to provide employees
with paid leave for the employee’s own health needs or to care for family members. Please visit WHD’s “Quick Benefits Tips” for information about how much leave workers may qualify to use and the wages employers must pay. The law enables employers to keep their workers on their payrolls, while at the same time ensuring that workers do not have to choose between their paychecks and the public health measures needed to combat the virus.

WHD provides additional information on common issues employers and employees face when responding to the coronavirus and its effects on wages and hours worked under the Fair Labor Standards Act and on job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic

For more information about the laws enforced by WHD, call 866-4US-WAGE, or visit www.dol.gov/agencies/whd.

For further information about the coronavirus, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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