

An aerial photograph of a vast agricultural field, likely a tulip field in North Carolina. The field is composed of numerous long, straight rows of flowers. The colors alternate between a vibrant green and a deep red/pink, creating a striking, striped pattern across the landscape. In the upper right quadrant, a small tractor with a blue implement is visible, working in the field. The overall perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the field.

North Carolina Farmworker Health Program 2021



Why do farmworkers need a program?

- Average annual income \$11,000 for 6 days labor per week, often 12 hour days from sunup to sundown
- Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the US
- 94% have income at or below poverty level
- 90% are uninsured
- 90% are not comfortable speaking English
- Many have unsafe living conditions
 - Crowded barracks
 - Pesticide contamination
 - Work camps are intentionally hidden from public view and isolated
- Many have no independent transportation



Our program supports 8 sites
Reaching 56 counties

Skilled **outreach teams** find farmworkers and their families in rural areas, assess their health needs, & provide and link them to care through:

- ✓ Interpretation
- ✓ Health Education
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Case Management





Clínicas de Salud para Trabajadores Agrícolas en Carolina del Norte



Farmworker Health Clinics in North Carolina

NOTA: Busque al condado donde vive Ud. en el mapa. El número en cada condado indica el número de la clínica más cercana a Ud. en la lista de clínicas en el el lado de atrás.

NOTE: Look for the county where you live on the map. The number in each county corresponds to the closest clinic to you in the list of clinics on the other side.



1. Vecinos, Inc.

Ciudad/city: Sylva

Jessica Rodriguez: (828) 399-0583

General: (828) 293-2274

2. Blue Ridge Health

Ciudad/city: Hendersonville

Kennet Melgar: (828) 692-4289 ext. 2204

General: (828) 692-4289

3. Mountain Community Health Partnership

Ciudad/city: Bakersville

Amber Dillinger: (828) 688-6621

General: (828) 688-2104

4. Good Samaritan Clinic

Ciudad/city: Morganton

Analía Alvarez: (828) 368-2673

General: (828) 212-4185

5. High Country Community Health

Ciudad/city: Boone

Alexandra Noriega: (828) 406-1856

General: (828) 262-3886

6. AppHealthCare

Ciudad/city: Jefferson/Sparta

Erin Torres: (336) 572-1097

General: (336) 246-9449

7. Surry County Health & Nutrition

Ciudad/city: Dobson

Alba Gonzalez: (336) 401-0918

General: (336) 401-8400

8. Piedmont Health Services

Ciudad/city: Prospect Hill

Nahu Palacios: (336) 583-1004

General: (336) 562-3311

8(a) Ciudad/city: Moncure

Cecilia Gama: (919) 428-4859

General: (919) 542-4991

9. Rural Health Group

Ciudad/city: Henderson

Ricardo Garcia: (919) 339-2019

General: (252) 438-3549

10. Commwell Health

Ciudad/city: Newton Grove

Andrea Morales Williams: (877) 935-5255 ext. 7126

General: 1-877-935-5255

11. NC Farmworkers Project

Ciudad/city: Benson

Janeth Tapia: (919) 915-2220

General: (919) 701-1084

11(a) Condado/county: Harnett

Amy Elkins: (910) 891-9964

11(b) Condado/county: Duplin

Gabriela Elvir: (919) 915-2209

11(c) Ciudad/city: Whiteville

Jocelyn R. Santillan: (910) 789-0582

12. Goshen Medical Center

Ciudad/city: Faison

Ronda Barwick: (910) 267-0421

General: (910) 267-0421

13. Black River Health Services/Manos Unidas

Ciudad/city: Atkinson

Angelica S. Mendez: (910) 889-0291

General: (910) 889-1900

14. Greene County Health Care, Inc.

Ciudad/city: Snow Hill

Francisco Limon: (252) 747-2921 ext. 2310

General: (252) 747-4199

15. Kinston Community Health Center, Inc.

Ciudad/city: Kinston

Wally Burge: (252) 521-9436

General: (252) 522-9800

16. Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc.

Ciudad/city: Wilson

Alma Alcantar: (252) 243-9800 ext. 263

General: (252) 293-0013

17. Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center

Ciudad/city: Ahoskie

Brayan Madero: (252) 642-4188

General: (252) 332-3548

18. Gateway Community Health Center, Inc.

Ciudad/city: Elizabeth City

Marisela Antonacci: (252) 333-1047

19. Engelhard Medical Center

Ciudad/city: Engelhard

Erica Monzon: (252) 925-7000

20. Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, Inc.

Ciudad/city: China Grove

Marielena M. Santacruz: (704) 216-2631



Change focus from
farmworkers only
to Farmworkers
AND All Agricultural
Partners

- Growers
- Farm labor contractors
- NC State Agricultural Extension Services
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, reimbursement for isolation housing
- Department of Commerce – Ag services
- Department of Labor
- Department of Health and Human Services, epidemiologist and EY consultant
- NC Agromedicine Institute, partner in internet connectivity and reimbursement for isolation housing

Outreach to Employers

- Webinars in collaboration with Agromedicine Institute
- Mask and Sanitizer distribution through Ag Extension Offices
- Materials in English/Spanish on managing COVID outbreaks distributed to registered Migrant camps through Department of Labor inspectors
- Vaccinations on arrival to a central location through DHHS vaccine vendors, DHHS interpreters
- Outreach directly to employers to facilitate vaccinations as quickly as possible after arrival through local teams anchored by Ag Extension agents



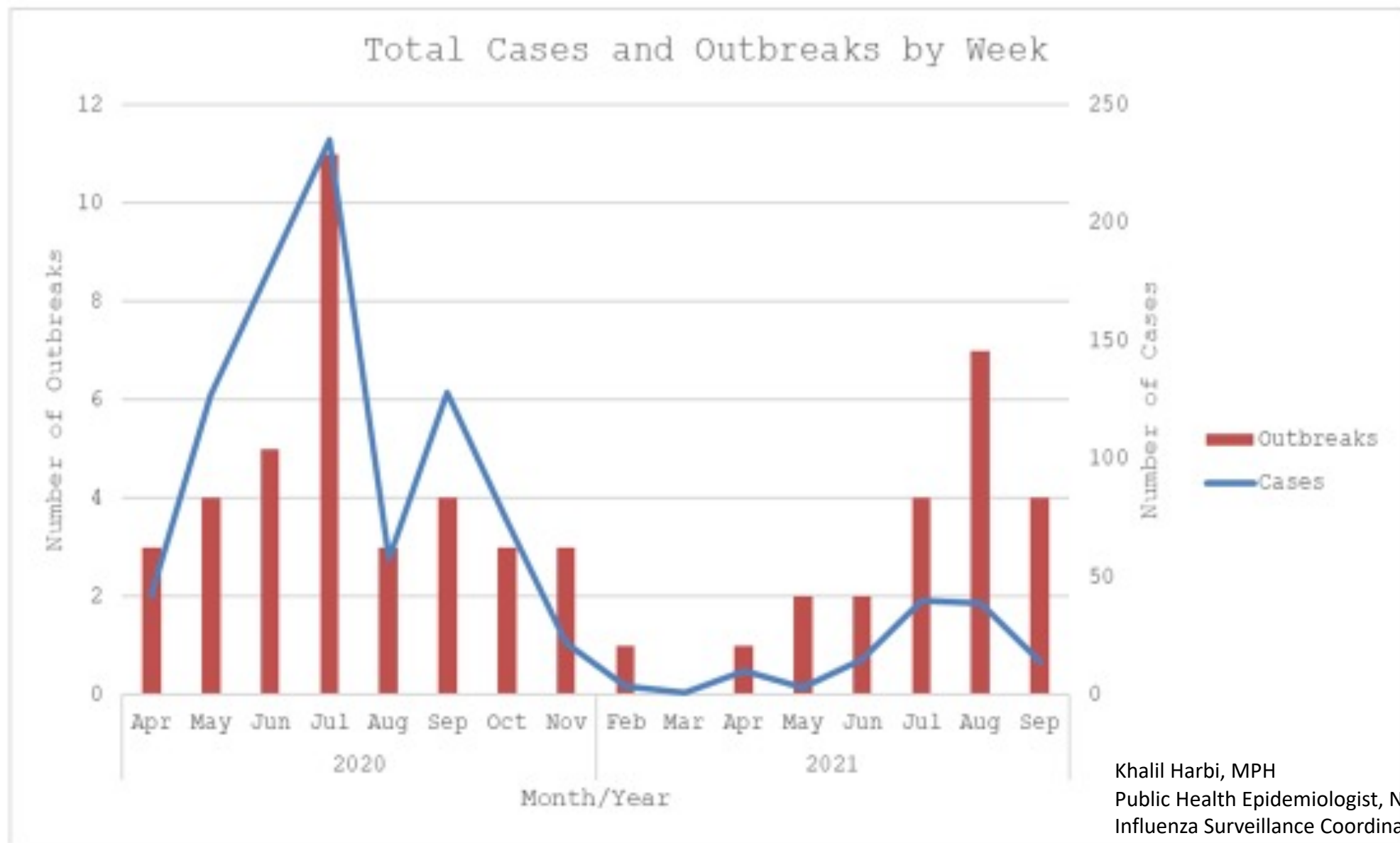
NC Farmworker Vaccination Plan

- Collaborate with an Agricultural Extension agent in each county
- Create a local team consisting of Ag Extension agent, outreach worker, vaccine provider (county health department, community health center or migrant health center) that have all arrival information and reach out to growers
- Deploy a DHHS funded vaccine provider to offer vaccines to farmworkers on arrival at a central reception hub
- NC State Extension created and has deployed a vaccine education module for farmworkers “Me Informo y Decido” or “Get Informed and Decide”



Approximately 5000 vaccines/boosters administered at the reception hub

Vaccines Impact: Farmworkers cases & Outbreaks by season



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