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Dear Valued Team Members,

There have been several developments in the last week which may affect you directly. Unfortunately we don’t have all the answers, but this is what we know:

#### Car Pooling

* We are aware that many employees share a car to get to and from work. Social distancing measures must be observed at all times, including when driving.
* We suggest no more than two people should be in the same car at the same time, and the passenger should sit in the back seat on the opposite side to the driver.
* We also suggest it may be ok for more than two people to travel in the same car, if everyone in the car is living together.
* There is limited information available from authorities about how police may enforce social distancing when driving. When driving you may be asked by police to explain how your travel is essential and why you have more than two people in the car. You may be fined if your answers are inadequate.
* Agri Labour Australia is liaising with industry and government to better understand our responsibilities when carpooling.

#### Relocating from One Place to Another

* On Friday 3rd April, the Prime Minister announced that any working holiday maker moving from one region to another must self-isolate for 14 days prior to leaving their current location.
* There is some indication that this requirement will only apply when moving from an urban location to a regional location.
* Many states also require people arriving from other states and territories to isolate for 14-days once they arrive in a new state or territory.
* Agri Labour Australia is liaising with industry and government to better understand the need to self-isolate when moving from one location to another.
* If you must relocate to take up work with Agri Labour Australia, we recommend you get in touch with your recruiter to understand your requirement to self-isolate.

**Working Holiday Maker VISA Changes**

* Working Holiday Maker visas cannot be extended. However, if you have completed three or six months of [specified work](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/whm-program/specified-work-conditions) in Australia, you may be able to apply for a 2nd or 3rd year visa.
* If you are not eligible for a 2nd or 3rd year visa and you are unable to return to your home country, you can apply for COVID-19 pandemic Temporary Activity Visa (subclass 408).
* You can get more information from <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/staying-australia#11>

If you want to talk to someone about Coronavirus, call the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 030.