

# AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND THE PANDEMIC: A POLICY-INDUCED CRISIS

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Agricultural workers in the United States are facing the worst of Covid-19. Meat-packing plants and labor-intensive farms have become coronavirus hotspots, with workers at these sites experiencing extraordinarily high rates of infection.

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## PANELISTS:

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Our panel of lawyers, journalists, and organizers will examine the causes of this crisis, which has its roots in law and policy. They will also discuss efforts to ensure that agricultural workers are not only protected from Covid-19 and future pandemics, but enjoy collective bargaining rights, robust labor protections, and fair wages.



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