

Dear Friends,

Thank you for telling the Department of Labor not to cut farm worker wages during COVID19. We have a new petition we need you to sign @ [https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/primex-workers-fired-for-exposing-company-s-deadly-covid-19-practices?share=87d94109-eb19-4829-b0ab-1b4c1178c4cd&source=email-share-button&utm\\_medium=&utm\\_source=email](https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/primex-workers-fired-for-exposing-company-s-deadly-covid-19-practices?share=87d94109-eb19-4829-b0ab-1b4c1178c4cd&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email).

There is a COVID19 crisis for farm workers at Primex Farms, a major nut company in Wasco CA. The situation is dire. **150 of the 400 workers have now tested positive for COVID-19.** Dozens of their family members have also tested positive for COVID-19. Sadly, one Primex worker has since died.

Workers have told us **they learned about colleagues testing positive from other workers and media reports, not from the company. Out of frustration with the company giving them the runaround, worker leaders staged a strike on June 25th.** Workers were requesting safety measures, including social distancing, company provision of PPE such as face masks and paid sick leave for infected/exposed employees. When the company-promised improvements did not happen, **workers -- including those in quarantine with the virus -- held a Zoom press conference that got national attention.**

**Now Primex is retaliating.** Many of the workers who spoke out worked through an employment agency, USA Staffing. On July 22, Primex told the dozens of USA Staffing workers **that they were terminated** because "production had dropped" -- **but then they brought in new workers the same day!**

We immediately filed unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board and appealed to the CA Attorney general. **Workers want their jobs back.** Primex workers are asking you to sign their petition telling the company to rehire them, with appropriate coronavirus protections in place.

**Sign their petition now at:** [https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/primex-workers-fired-for-exposing-company-s-deadly-covid-19-practices?share=87d94109-eb19-4829-b0ab-1b4c1178c4cd&source=email-share-button&utm\\_medium=&utm\\_source=email](https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/primex-workers-fired-for-exposing-company-s-deadly-covid-19-practices?share=87d94109-eb19-4829-b0ab-1b4c1178c4cd&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email)

Thank you for caring about farm workers!

Si Se Puede!

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