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Memo to Field Enumerators: Transition to Phase 3 and Guidance for June Area Survey (JAS) and Agricultural Coverage Evaluation Survey (ACES)

If you recall back in June of 2021, we provided a four-phase plan that would guide our activities as we transition away from our pandemic posture. Unfortunately, the timeline moved much slower than our original projection, but today we're pleased to let you know that, **beginning May 2, NASDA and NASS are moving into Phase 3.** The following activities are allowed:

Phase 3 – Allowable Activities – Field Enumeration

- Travel restrictions are lifted
- Small group, in-person meetings allowed (10 or fewer)
 - Example: Supervisor group meeting/training
- Larger, in-person meetings/training may resume within areas of low to medium rates of community transmission
 - Check the current status of the areas you'll be working in here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
 - Attendance should be limited to only those absolutely required to be there.
 - Organizers should consider offering hybrid option to allow virtual participation
 - Precautions should be taken to minimize chance of exposure/transmission
 - Employees may request a virtual option or opt out of in-person activities
- In-person interaction with respondents will be limited to high-impact, critical, and/or special handling records identified by NASS HQ or RFOs
 - Follow best practices documented by the CDC and any precautions requested by the respondent or required by local regulations/law
 - Employees must not be exhibiting (or have not recently exhibited) any COVID-19 symptoms
 - Employees may request to opt out of in-person activities
 - If possible, conduct interviews outdoors or other areas that allow for social distancing
- PPE reimbursement available to all employees