



# CARMEN

Age: 42 years | Rider

Hometown: Sinaloa, Mexico

As a seasonal crab worker, Carmen relies on a mobile unit for healthcare, because her workplace is isolated from the rest of Maryland.

If a worker tests positive for COVID, there are no transportation options available for them to go to a hospital or clinic.

Carmen's recommendation would be that her employer provides transportation for all workers to access.

## QUOTE

"Most of the time there aren't any cars available, because the people that own them also have to work and don't have time to drive us."

Carmen, a Mexican citizen, travels to Maryland every year on a H2B visa to work in the crab industry for eight months. During her stay, her employer provides housing and other basic services. For a one-time fee of \$20, Carmen can access healthcare through a mobile unit that visits her workplace periodically. Although Carmen is usually in good health, her options for seeking medical attention are limited when needed.

Carmen often relies on her friends to drive her to the local community health center, but this can be challenging as her friends also work full-time. Carmen avoids taking taxis due to the high cost. During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, COVID tests were provided to the workers, but now they have to travel outside the factory to access them.