

Excerpt from recent Backpacker College news release:

Backpacker College, the online cross-platform marketplace for trusted affordable accommodation in university and college communities, is working on behalf of Canada's industry of Farmers, Growers, Greenhouse operators who need trusted rooms as part of Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker program.

Backpacker College is helping the industry, after contacting farmers, processors, Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers association, and speaking with Keith Robbins of Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers (OPVG).

"We know our solution solves a problem for Canadian growers, greenhouses and farmers using Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program" says Rob Evans, former Director in various pan regional organizations including Ontario's Food Cluster, and now President & CEO of Backpacker College. "This helps employers, food production, our supply chain and the economy."

The TFW program is relevant to all Canadians because they're an important class of worker. Canada's Immigration Minister Marco Mendicino told CBC "In many cases, these are workers who come back every year. There is a relationship there, a connection to not only their employers but their colleagues and frankly to Canada and that is a good thing because it allows us to meet our food supply needs."

"The problem we're solving is that new workers in Canada are required to isolate for 2 weeks prior to arriving at their place of employment. They need trusted affordable rooms, with kitchens. We make sure these rooms are available" says Evans. Many workers when they arrive need to be quarantined for 14 days. Employers who need these workers

to quarantine off-site first, may be interested in this option. Hotels are expensive and of varying quality, and most do not have kitchens. Through Backpacker College, they can now book trusted rooms almost anywhere across Canada.

The Concierge team with Backpacker College can take care of booking the room and the logistics for any employer. The rooms are in cities as close to the farms and fields and greenhouses where the work is.

During the COVID19 virus, the Backpacker College Trusted Affordable rooms mantra is even more valued during a pandemic. They curate high quality private rooms and apartment units available across Canada. Backpacker College's unique platform makes it easy to find and request appropriate rooms.

For employers or workers who want trusted rooms and someone to arrange it for them go to www.backpackercollege.com