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LIMITED RESUMPTION OF 4-H IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES
Announcement Revised May 5, 2021

On March 11, Governor Inslee announced that all counties would move to phase 3 on March 22. On April 12, the Governor moved Pierce, Cowlitz and Whitman counties back to phase 2. On May 4, the Governor announced a two-week pause on phases. Under the pause, every county will remain in its current phase. At the end of two weeks, each county will be re-evaluated. NOTE THAT CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS MAY BECOME MORE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE, depending upon the course of the COVID-19 virus.

PLEASE WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION 4-H OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A 4-H IN-PERSON MEETING, ACTIVITY OR EVENT. ALL NEW IN-PERSON PLANS MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR LOCAL 4-H STAFF/FACULTY AND LOCAL COUNTY DIRECTOR.

We reference the Governor’s Agricultural Events COVID19 Requirements for agricultural and animal events and the Department of Health’s Youth Development guidance for other in-person 4-H activities. We are also following recommendations by WSU’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

If the 4-H Event IS NOT an agricultural event, WSU has expanded the group size from 5 (for phase 2) to 15 (for phase 3) youth participants plus at least two adults (Extension personnel and/or Certified 4-H Volunteers). If the event is anticipating larger numbers, please consider staggered participation or “shift” scheduling to stay within the limits. More information can be found on the 4-H In-Person Resources Page linked below.

If the event is an agricultural event, the 4-H Youth Development Program will be following the Governor’s COVID-19 Agricultural Events Guidance, linked below.
As always, all safety protocols must be followed and any activity that can be accomplished at a distance should be.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

4-H In-Person Resources Page

Governor’s COVID19 Agricultural Events Guidance – March 19, 2021 – Link Updated March 24, 2021

Three County Rollback to Phase 2 Announcement by Governor Inslee – April 12, 2021 News Release

Two-Week Pause on Phases Announcement by Governor Inslee – May 4, 2021 News Release

Washington Department of Health Guidance for Child Care, Youth Development, and Day Camps During COVID-19 – Updated April 14, 2021

Washington 4-H Teen Equity and Inclusion Task Force Presents – THIS WEEK:
“Addressing the Dress Code: Body Positivity” Workshop, June 23rd at 7:00 pm
The purpose of the Washington State 4-H Teen Equity and Inclusion Task Force is to facilitate and support an inclusive 4-H youth organization. Using compassion and empathy, the task force strives to create an open and safe environment to celebrate and embrace our diversity. **The next workshop in the Task Force Culture of Inclusion series, “Addressing the Dress Code: Body Positivity” is June 23rd at 7:00 pm – all adults and teens are welcome to attend!** Register for this workshop NOW at the task force’s webpage, https://wa4heteenequity.weebly.com/

Task Force members are also available to visit your 4-H group, adults or teens to present workshops. Link to current workshops at https://wa4heteenequity.weebly.com/workshops.html.

Link to other excellent resources on the task force website at https://wa4heteenequity.weebly.com/resources.html

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**Priya Kumar Appointed to the National 4-H Youth Alumni Advisory Committee**

In a tweet last week, Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of National 4-H Council, announced that Priya Kumar of Skagit County 4-H was one of two appointees to the Youth Alumni Advisory Committee. There are only eleven youth on the committee from around the nation; they each serve a three-year term. Jennifer noted that “These young women will provide fresh perspectives on how 4-H – through our young people – addresses our country’s most pressing issues and create change.”

Priya will be traveling to Washington D.C. in mid-September for meetings with National 4-H as well as to attend the Legacy Awards, along with Pillar Winner Mayyadah Zagelow, Nancy Deringer, and Anna Zagelow. This is usually a 4-H Oscar-type celebration live-streamed with a green carpet and fancy dress. No word yet on what this year’s version will look like!

**Congratulations, Priya!!**
Hello KYG supporters,

Here we are in the middle of June 2021, and the KYG Core Team is thinking hard about what KYG 2022 will look like!! We are beginning to plan an in-person KYG Conference in Olympia for February 2022! While we are very excited to get folks together, we need to have your support in encouraging teens to apply for Conference Facilitator positions.

We cannot put on a meaningful KYG conference without the youth voice and involvement in planning and implementing the conference.
Click Conference Facilitator Interest Form to access the application. It is also on the Facebook page, WA State 4-H Know Your Government

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Know Your Government Conference Facilitator! Please be sure to read through all parts of the questions and answer thoroughly! If you have any questions, please contact Carlie Arreola at carlie.arreola@gmail.com. If you are selected, we will follow up with a more formal interview at a later date.

When we hosted a Zoom call in the spring, we found volunteer and staff input was quite helpful in our moving into this next step.

Our topic continues to be the Legislative Process; the curriculum will be familiar to those that participated in 2018.

As we navigate the planning process of so much new, unknown and ever-changing policy and guidelines, we need to know we have support from staff and volunteers. We are still in early stages of planning and your feedback is valuable to us moving forward.

If at the county level you are able to gauge interest that will be helpful to the direction we take.

Our Core Team continues to meet two times a month – always innovating and rethinking the conference to include and engage high school students.

The SLACK channel is always open, if you need an invite let me know and of course my email is ready to hear from you. Dorothy.elsner@wsu.edu

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Virtual Table Setting Results Are In!

Thank you to all who entered the first statewide virtual table setting contest. Every entry received a certificate of participation but seven skilled youth are winners. Prizes were sent to the winners. The judges hope everyone enters their table setting into the 4-H State Fair.

The Winners Are:

Linnea from Frog Hollow 4-H Club Spokane County
Clairese from Quincy Sportsmen 4-H Club Grant County
Saren from Kalama Rough and Ready 4-H Club Cowlitz County
Jourdyn from Kalama Rough and Ready 4-H Club Cowlitz County
Jennifer from Pin Cushion Pals 4-H Club Kitsap County
Heidi from Clover Rovers 4-H Club Kittitas County
Olivia from Kalama Rough and Ready 4-H Club Cowlitz County
Congratulations to the Virtual Table Setting Contest Winners!!

See the BIG PICTURES at https://www.facebook.com/Explore4HWSUExtension

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Washington 4-H Teens to Assist With COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach

By Lauren Paterson
College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences

Washington State University Pharmacy students, 4-H teens, and adult mentors in Yakima, Benton, and Franklin Counties will be educating their communities about COVID-19 vaccines thanks to dual grants.

Funded through All in Washington's Vaccine Equity Initiative, the pair of $25,000 awards will support WSU Extension and 4-H Youth Development programs to develop vaccine education outreach.

“This program is a wonderful opportunity for Extension to provide education on real world issues that are affecting people right now,” said Yadi Olivera Guerrero, Yakima County Extension family resiliency, health and wellness specialist.

TO READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE, CLICK HERE!
Avian Influenza Webinar Scheduled for July 13th!

Please join APHIS leadership and poultry experts for a webinar on Tuesday, July 13, at 2:00 p.m. ET to discuss the global status of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), wild bird surveillance efforts, and our Defend the Flock outreach and education campaign.

Webinar Details
When: Tuesday, July 13 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
Who Should Attend: Poultry producers, poultry industry associations and representatives of poultry sector auxiliary services.

Registration: Click here to register. Once you submit your registration you will receive an email providing instructions on how to join the webinar. Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues but don’t share your registration information.

Agenda:
- Welcome–Dr. Jack Shere, Associate Administrator
- Global HPAI Situation and OIE Chapter Updates–Dr. Fidel Hegngi, APHIS Senior Staff Veterinarian
State Line Tack and EDPA Sponsor Youth Essay Contest - 7/15/21 Deadline!

State Line Tack® is excited to announce a youth equestrian contest, created in partnership with Equine Dental Providers of America. If you have or know a horse-crazy kid, take note!

The EDPA and State Line Tack® Essay Contest is open to all youth age 18 and under. There are 5 age group brackets, with one winner being chosen from each bracket. Winning essays receive a copy of “The Basics of Equine Dentistry” book plus a $100 Gift Card to State Line Tack®. First place pieces may also be featured wholly or in part on www.statelinetack.com, www.equine-dental-providers-of-america.org, and/or on their associated social media pages.


Happy writing!
Dr. Universe Wants to Answer Your Questions!

Northwest Public Broadcasting is teaming up with Dr. Universe to answer video questions from kids about plants, flowers, fruits, and rocks, volcanoes, and earthquakes! They are looking for video submission questions from curious kids and thought our 4-H members might be interested in submitting video questions.

A short “how-to submit” video can be found at [askDrUniverse.wsu.edu](http://askDrUniverse.wsu.edu)

WSU’s Dr. Katie Cooper will help answer the geology questions and Dr. Amit Dhingra will help with the plant questions.

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The 4-H State Office wants to hear from you! Check Out “4-H Open Chat”

Nancy Deringer, State Director, and Jana Ferris, State Volunteer Specialist, are hosting three listening sessions, on July 15, August 10 and August 26 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM each evening. We want to hear from our 4-H Volunteer Leaders, 4-H Members, 4-H Families, and anyone else interested in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Each session is an open session, so please come with questions, ideas, etc.
Here is the zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: 
https://wsu.zoom.us/j/94635029494?pwd=YzQ3dWhVeHduS01jSDNkY0dZeG1aQ T09&from=addon

Meeting ID: 946 3502 9494
Passcode: 691120

Or join by phone:

US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 946 3502 9494

We look forward to hearing from you!

Important Note: Both internal and external WSU meeting attendees must be signed into Zoom to join the meeting.

Please refer to this guide on Joining WSU Zoom Meetings before trying to join:
Joining Meetings and Best Practices
Join Zoom Meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: 
https://wsu.zoom.us/j/94635029494?pwd=YzQ3dWhVeHduS01jSDNkY0dZeG1aQ T09&from=addon

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Passcode: 691120

Join from WSU Conference Room System (Polycom)
1. Using the touch panel, or remote control, select ‘Place a call’
2. Enter the IP address including periods: 162.255.37.11
3. Press the pound key twice ‘##’
4. Enter the Meeting ID: 946 3502 9494
5. Press ‘Call’
6. Enter Passcode: 691120

Join from Conference Room System with SIP:
94635029494@zoomcrc.com
Share Screen/Content Wirelessly
Go to https://share.zoom.us and enter the Zoom Meeting ID: 946 3502 9494
Join by Telephone (long distance)
For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.
Dial:
US: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 946 3502 9494
Phone one-tap: US: +12532158782,,94635029494# or 
+16699009128,,94635029494#
International numbers
Participate in the SFC Killeen 4-H Summer Outdoor Challenge!

Washington State 4-H youth members are invited to participate in the Sergeant First Class (SFC) Killeen Memorial 4-H Summer Outdoor Challenge. Questions? tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Killeen was an outdoor enthusiast and 4-H volunteer. Washington State 4-H youth members are invited to take part in the 2021 4-H Summer Outdoor Challenge. Hike, bike, ride an equine, walk or paddle at least 25 miles outdoors between June 19 and September 26, 2021, to receive recognition and be entered to win prizes. Special recognition for 25 miles, 50 miles, and 100 miles completed. Submit an outdoor challenge log and photographs documenting your adventures to be entered to win! Get outdoors with or without your 4-H project (dog, pack goat, equine, llama); take your camera and record your miles!

The idea is to be physically active and enjoy the outdoors! Please! No ATV’s or other motorized recreational vehicles!

Washington State 4-H members can participate! Simply do the following:

- Hike, bike, ride an equine, walk or paddle outdoors between June 19 and September 26, 2021.
- Keep track of your miles and take photographs of your adventures!

Questions? please e-mail to tc4h@co.thurston.wa.us

Pride 2021: Cultivating Inclusion in Agriculture

“Just as diverse ideas and backgrounds make a local 4-H club more successful in its activities, greater diversity in agriculture is needed for a growing and thriving industry.”

Learn more from 4-H alumni Marcus Hollan and Jesse Lee Eller, founders of Cultivating Change Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to uplifting LGBTQ+ voices in agriculture.

READ MORE HERE!

Zoom In to the Poultry Fitting and Handling Webinar to Prep For Fair Season!

Get ready for fair season with Introduction to Poultry Fitting & Handling! Join the zoom at the link below and learn what it takes to get ready for showing poultry.
You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Jun 26, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vce6opzMjH9P3kufKeC4sfNGoMFsZrcP0

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Reminder: Washington State 4-H Dairy Judging and Quiz Bowl Contests Coming July 20!

The State 4-H Dairy contests for Judging and Quiz Bowl determines the individuals that will represent Washington participating at the National events. This year both contests will be held:

July 20, 2021
Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington

9:00 am     4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest
12:30 pm    4-H Dairy Judging Contest

If you have an individual 4-H’er or team that wants to compete, please contact Gary Fredricks at 360-577-3014 Ext. 3 or at garyf@wsu.edu.
Join us for the next CS Pathway webinar on Thursday, June 24 at 2:30 PM ET. This month we are exploring spheros, spherical robots that youth can program with ease using apps for an iPad or Android device. Connecting via Bluetooth, the robot can be easily programmed for a variety of speeds and tasks. Presented by Mark Light from The Ohio State University, discover how to incorporate these devices into your 4-H Computer Science program.

REGISTER HERE!

State 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Due July 1st!

Do you know of an individual that has had a significant impact upon the 4-H Youth Development Program and/or its members and leaders at any time since 4-H’s beginning in Washington State? We all know one or two volunteers who always seem to be doing something to promote 4-H or our youth – so how about nominating them for this award? It’s very easy to nominate someone – just complete the form linked HERE and submit it by July 1, 2021.
Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the Annual State 4-H Recognition Event, coming this fall!

**4-H Award and Recognition Deadlines Approaching!**

Initial planning for a 4-H Awards and Recognition Program for 2021 is moving forward. No decision has been made as to the format or date for the program. Note that deadline dates are rapidly approaching, as noted below:

**August 1**
Alumni Award Nomination
Salute to Excellence/Outstanding Volunteerism, Less than 10 years
Salute to Excellence/Outstanding Volunteerism, More than 10 years
Heather Rider Leadership Award for Young Adults
Volunteer’s Staff Award Nomination
Friend Of 4-H Award

**September 1**
Outstanding County Leader Recognition
Outstanding County Teen Leader Recognition

All award application/nomination forms are located on the Washington State 4-H Youth Development website: [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/wastate-volunteer-recognition/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/wastate-volunteer-recognition/)

Nominations **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Tony Dell at adell@wsu.edu by the deadline date, or snail-mailed postmarked by the deadline date.

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**Registration Opens For Ag In The Classroom Summer Virtual Teacher Workshop**

**WASHINGTON TEACHERS K-12**
VIRTUAL TEACHER WORKSHOPS
$50.00 FOR ALL WORKSHOPS
$40.00 IF REGISTERED BY JUN 11TH
SAVE $10 FOR REGISTERING EARLY!
ATTENDEE WILL BE HELD ELIGIBLE FOR AGRICULTURE CREDIT, SCHEDULE, MATERIALS, LESSONS AND TEACHING RESOURCES ARE INCLUDED

**WEDNESDAYS 11:30AM – 1:00PM**
https://forms.gle/InQwMivAv6uzTa3nc8

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Access and plant products will be available on all workshops. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS
Open to for-profit and non-profit organizations
Registration starts May 21st
Registration is open to Washington K – 12 teachers and informal educators as well! The workshops are scheduled on Wednesdays, June 30th through July 21st—from 11:30 AM -1 PM

The four weeks of themes will help you teach about agriculture in Washington: Celebrate Washington Agriculture, Plant Science, Animal Science, and how to use the Washington Ag in the Classroom Curriculum.

The cost is $50.00 for all workshops, $40 if registered by June 11th, registration Due by June 21st (save $10 for registering early)

Attendees will be mailed Ag @ School Magazines, resources, materials, lesson plans, and teacher resource kits including activities, hands-on materials, and examples.

The workshop series is co-hosted by Washington Agriculture in the Classroom and Washington State University Extension Lewis and Skagit Counties.

Go to https://forms.gle/3nQMifAv5uzTa9nc8 to register today!

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**Pierce County To Host Shooting Sports Certification Training On June 26th!**

**WASHINGTON**

![4-H Shooting Sports Logo](image)

**LEARN BY DOING**

4-H Volunteers:

We are happy to announce that we have an Archery and Rifle level 1 training opportunity coming up! If you are a certified 4-H volunteer, currently enrolled, who is 21 and over who wants to lead an archery or rifle project in your county, then this training is for you! We are excited to have you join the WSU 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer team!

The next Level 1 trainings will be:

- June 26th, 2021
- Upper Nisqually Sportsman’s Club, 39919 129th Ave E, Eatonville, WA 98328
- 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Cost: $55

To enroll in the Archery training, please click here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-volunteer-level-1-shooting-sports-certification-archery-tickets-157709440181](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-volunteer-level-1-shooting-sports-certification-archery-tickets-157709440181)

To enroll in the Rifle training, please click here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-volunteer-level-1-shooting-sports-certification-rifle-tickets-157718577511](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-volunteer-level-1-shooting-sports-certification-rifle-tickets-157718577511)

Please be advised, if you have not already done so, the 4-H National Shooting Sports online training modules are required to be complete BEFORE you attend this training. You can enroll here: [https://4-hshootingsportscollege.com/](https://4-hshootingsportscollege.com/)

Once you create a profile you can enroll in the National Shooting Sports Online Modules by clicking on Clover Academy on the left menu. The cost to complete the online modules is $20.

We are sorry, but for this training you are only able to select one discipline to attend as they are both occurring simultaneously. It is highly recommended that you speak with your county faculty or staff prior to enrolling in this training to ensure you are eligible to attend.

If, for some reason, you are unable to enroll via the link above, please email Ashley Hall, WSU Shooting Sports Coordinator, at a.hernandez-hall@wsu.edu.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you!

The WSU 4-H Shooting Sports Team

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**Cougs Talk Stock Podcast Team Introduce Animal Science Podcast Episodes!**
The Cougs Talk Stock Podcast Team is excited to announce that their first four episodes have been released! Their WSU Extension podcast focuses on science-based, relevant animal science topics for those interested in livestock production, those that raise livestock, and those that want to learn more about animal science topics, such as 4-H and FFA members. Each episode, an industry expert is interviewed by Cougs Talk Stock hosts Dr. Don Llewellyn, Hannah Brause, Natasha Moffitt-Hemmer, and Sarah Dreger. The team invites you to check out the first four episodes and tune-in every other Wednesday for new releases.

Links to the first four podcasts:

**Episode #1: Animals Support Mental Health of Youth During Pandemic**

**Episode # 2: Locally Raised Beef- Marketing, Selling, and Buying**

**Episode # 3: What Should I Feed My Pets? Tips From an Animal Nutritionist**

**Episode #4: Pasture Management and Grazing in the PNW**

The Cougs Talk Stock podcast website can be found at: [https://soundcloud.com/cougstalkstock](https://soundcloud.com/cougstalkstock) or on Apple Podcasts.

Please contact us with any questions, comments, or episode suggestions at cougstalkstock@wsu.edu.

The WSU Extension Cougs Talk Stock Podcast Team
Don Llewellyn, Hannah Brause, Natasha Moffitt-Hemmer, and Sarah Dreger
cougstalkstock@wsu.edu

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**Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease and WA Fairs Document From WA ST Department of Agriculture Available Here!**

A document requested in last week’s 4-H small animal call, from the State of Washington Department of Agriculture – Animal Health Program regarding Rabbit hemorrhagic disease and 2021 Washington fairs is now available by clicking [HERE](https://soundcloud.com/cougstalkstock). The link to the USDA map referenced in the call is included in the letter.

Please direct any questions to:

Susan Kerr, DVM, PhD
WA State Dept. of Ag Educational Outreach Specialist
360-789-7664
skerr@agr.wa.gov
Disaster Preparedness Fact Sheets Available Here!

Agencies and knowledgeable personnel are already predicting that we could have a terrible fire season this year. Are you prepared for fire or other disasters? These publications will help you, your family, communities be prepared for whatever natural disaster my strike. Thanks to Drs. Craig McConnel and Dale Moore for sharing these materials.

Janet L. Schmidt, WSU Extension Whitman County Director and 4-H Youth Educator

To view and/or download the fact sheet, click on the title below:

- Ag Producer Safety During Wildfires
- Establishing and Operating Animal Shelters
- Establishing and Operating Disaster Information Centers
- Forming and Engaging County Ag Response Teams
- Disaster Go Bags
- Livestock Handling During Disasters
- Mitigating Impacts of Livestock Transportation Accidents
- Practical Livestock Evacuation

REMINDER! Play It Safe Around Poultry!

There is an ongoing multi-state salmonella outbreak associated with backyard chickens. The story link is below, along with extracted CDC advice about how to stay healthy around chickens. ONLY KISS CHICKENS ON THEIR LIPS!

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The CDC has this advice for backyard flock owners:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after touching backyard poultry or anything in the area where they live and roam.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Don’t let backyard poultry inside the house, especially in areas where food or drink is prepared, served or stored. Keep flock supplies outside the house.
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of poultry and keep those shoes outside of the house.
- Children younger than 5, adults over 65 and people with weakened immune systems shouldn’t handle or touch chicks, ducklings or other poultry.
- Don’t eat or drink where poultry live or roam.
- Don’t kiss backyard poultry or snuggle them and then touch your face or mouth.
- Stay outdoors when cleaning any equipment or materials used to raise or care for poultry, such as cages, or feed or water containers.

Here’s how to handle eggs safely:

- Collect eggs often, don’t let them sit the nest as they can become dirty or break.
- Throw away cracked eggs. Germs on the shell can more easily enter the egg though a cracked shell.
- Rub off dirt on eggs with fine sandpaper, a brush or a cloth. Don’t wash them because colder water can pull germs into the egg.
- Refrigerate eggs to keep them fresh and slow the growth of germs.
- Cook eggs until both the yolk and white are firm. Cook egg dishes to an internal temperature of 160 degrees to kill all germs.
Volunteers Wanted for Military Teen Adventure Camp!

WSU Cascade Mountains Military Teen Adventure Camp is seeking volunteers to fill a variety of roles. The camp is hosted by WSU in partnership with GPI and 4-H; and funded through a grant to allow teens of military families an opportunity to attend camp with little to no out-of-pocket expense.

Although the above flyer is intended to recruit volunteers, it may also serve to pique interest in attending! If you know a teen who may be interested, please share this link with them:

Military Teen Adventure Camp Webpage (pre-registration is on this page)
Military Teen Adventure Camp Volunteer Information
Military Teen Adventure Camp Recreation Internship Description
WSU Cascade Mountains Military Teen Adventure Camp Webpage
Highly Pathogenetic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Info Available for Poultry Project Youth

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is very active right now around the globe. Outbreaks are presently occurring in North Korea, China, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Iran, Poland, Norway, France, and Ukraine.

Wild waterfowl are one of the main ways the virus moves around. A major migratory flight path for wild waterfowl includes Washington State; many waterfowl species (swans, ducks, geese) overwinter in the state as well. These birds can carry the avian influenza virus and spread it to chickens, in which it is much more deadly. Please refresh your knowledge of the biosecurity practices recommended to keep your birds safe and take these actions every day!

Here are some good resources:


More Information on HPAI:
Washington State Veterinarian News: Batten Down the Hatches Against Avian Influenza

Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza are happening in several countries around the globe now. Please share this important info with 4-H members, commercial poultry owners, and any other stakeholders who would be affected by an outbreak in the U.S. We do NOT want this disease to get a foothold here! Thanks.

Link to the WSDA document here.

Susan Kerr, DVM, PhD
WSDA Education and Outreach Specialist
skerr@agr.wa.gov
Plea for 4-H Horse Project Youth to Vaccinate for Equine Influenza

Dr. Susan Kerr, WSDA Education and Outreach Coordinator

4-H horse project youth, your horse depends on YOU to keep him/her safe and healthy!

There were 33 confirmed cases of equine influenza in Washington State in 2020. There were an additional 29 suspected cases, and 25 more horses were exposed to the virus by infected horses. These cases were distributed throughout the state. Fortunately, none of these horses died, which is typical for this disease.

Part of influenza treatment involves strict rest, and some horses do not return to normal for six months! Can you imagine not being able to ride or exercise your sick horse for weeks or months? Horses infected with the influenza virus can develop secondary pneumonia, which can be much more serious and require antibiotic treatment.

If your horse is at risk of catching influenza from other horses, why not prevent this disease and all its complications by vaccinating him/her? The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recommends horses at risk be vaccinated for influenza every six months.

Is your horse at risk of influenza? YES if he/she has contact with other horses “outside its bubble” at shows, trail rides, schooling, etc. Also YES if you keep your horse at a stable where other horses are coming and going and mixing with other horses. Even if your horse doesn’t go anywhere, another horse can bring the virus to him/her.

If your horse stays at your home barn with a steady “bubble” of barn mates and doesn’t have direct or indirect contact with other horses, he/she is at minimal risk of influenza.

A very good article with more details about equine influenza is available at https://www.equinediseasecc.org/disease-information.

For more information about equine vaccinations, see the AAEP’s recommendations at https://aaep.org/horse-owners/owner-guidelines/owner-vaccination-guidelines or speak with your veterinarian.

The foundation of animal welfare is preventing animal illness, pain, and suffering. Vaccinating against diseases of concern is a very simple and effective way to do this.
COVID-19 RESOURCES

A Reminder: COVID-19 Resources Available from WSU Extension

The WSU Extension COVID-19 Updates and Resources page is updated as new information becomes available. The Link to the page is https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/

WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has created a resource for parents during COVID-19. The WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS: Caring for Your Family During COVID-19 was developed to help parents and their families navigate the pandemic and the days to follow.

The publication is available at https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf