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Announcement Revised September 7, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee issued a health and safety proclamation on August 20, 2021, in response to a continued state of emergency that exists in all counties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety proclamation, as ordered by the Governor, includes employees, contractors and volunteers engaged in activities with state agencies and in educational settings. Therefore, WSU (including WSU Extension and the 4-H program) is required to comply with Governor Inslee’s recent vaccination proclamation directives.

With regard to volunteers, below are a series of references, deadlines and explanations that provide further details.

- **The Proclamation (21-14.1) can be found** [HERE](#).
- **Deadline:** All current WSU Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated or exempted by October 18th. Volunteers who are not fully vaccinated or who do not have an approved exemption on file by October 18 will be put on inactive status. They will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities with WSU Extension until proof of full vaccination can be observed or until an exemption request has been reviewed.
- **Proof of vaccination:** Contact your local 4-H office for information on how to share proof of your vaccination status.
- **Exemption process:** The state-level exemption process (for religious or medical reasons) can be found at [https://extension.wsu.edu/volunteer-exemption/](https://extension.wsu.edu/volunteer-exemption/)

More information on WSU’s Vaccination Policy is available on the web at [https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/](https://extension.wsu.edu/vaccination-policy/).

Questions regarding WSU’s Vaccination Policy can be directed via e-mail to [extension.vaccinepolicy@wsu.edu](mailto:extension.vaccinepolicy@wsu.edu)

**COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

All other protocols for health and safety remain in effect and should be followed. The Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program policy is referencing requirements set forth by the Washington State Department of Health’s K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year document. WHILE INDOORS, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS,
 REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. This policy is required to protect the safety of all and to model the behavior for youth, who are still required to wear masks.

 If an activity is conducted outdoors, it is now required that masks be worn in any outdoor setting involving 500 or more people. People should continue to practice physical distancing of at least six feet whenever possible.

 Your county may have more protective protocols in place. County protocols supersede the information presented here. Please contact your local County Extension 4-H Office with any questions.

 The Washington State Department of Health released a recap of recent COVID-19 news and updates on September 7, 2021. It is available by clicking HERE.

 WSU CAHNRS Corner for Tuesday, November 9

 Hello, Washington State 4-H Community!

 This Thursday is Veterans’ Day, and as the proud spouse of a United States Marine and Iraq War veteran, I want to give a heartfelt thank you to our military veterans and their families.

 When times get tough, my husband likes to remind our kids of the unofficial Marines motto: Improvise, adapt, and overcome. During the Covid-19 pandemic, students from pre-K through 12th grade to our Washington State University Cougs, have had to improvise, adapt, and overcome numerous challenges. That’s why it was so moving to see our students return to campus this fall. It has been amazing to watch Pullman come alive again.

 In August, a group of our students at WSU’s College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) helped a renowned “earthwork” artist put the finishing touches on a gigantic crop mural to welcome Cougs back to campus. This video provides a glimpse of the creation of the mural – but perhaps most touchingly, it offers a sense of what coming home to WSU Pullman has meant to our students after so long away:

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vQ4_SxHtnw

 This is a time like no other, but I am proud of our students and their resilience. They have learned to improvise, adapt, and overcome in tough times. Many have turned to service to build and maintain community. What kinds of unique service
projects have you all been up to in your communities during these challenging times? WSU CAHNRS would love to hear from you! If you are an elementary, middle, or high school 4-H student and have an exciting project you’d like to share with us, please email me at elizabeth.e.perez@wsu.edu. We have a few special WSU prizes we can give out.

Happy Veterans Day – and Go Cougs!
VIRTUAL 4-H KNITTING CLUB REMINDER – SIT & KNIT WITH YOUR 4-H LEADERS TONIGHT!

The first Sit & Knit With Your 4-H Leaders session is TONIGHT! At this initial Sit & Knit event, we will evaluate what schedule works for the group and may change times and dates for future sessions. This is your opportunity to continue knitting what we started in class – or bring something you are struggling with.

When: Nov 9, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/…/tJYvcu-qqT4rHt251lG89 rtnktnD21G MG41 B

Knit for Fun, Knit for Pleasure, Knit for LIFE!

Virtual 4-H Knitting Club

**Beginning Knitting**
October 9 and 23, 2021
@ 12:00 p.m. PDT
For anyone new to knitting or needs a refresher.

**Sit & Knit With Your 4-H Leaders**
November 9, 2021
@ 6:30 p.m. PST
Ask questions, be encouraged, and get help with your knitting project.

More dates to follow!

Explore 4-H! #Opportunity4All

For more information, contact Toni Gwin at tpgwin@wsu.edu
Thanks to support from Google.org, 4-H created The Computer Science Pathway to overcome inequity in CS education. This program is designed to teach students from all backgrounds critical CS skills. Together we exceeded our goal of educating one million students a full year early. In the process, we discovered the blueprint for a best-in-class computer science curriculum. Stay tuned for a webinar later in the year to review these resources and learn more about the program.

Explore 4-H! – All Aboard for Model Railroading!

All Aboard for Model Railroading!

Interested in learning about the unique hobby of model railroading? This free virtual workshop is for you!

Join us November 20, 2021 @1:00PM PST via Zoom

For more information, contact Toni Gwin at twain@wsu.edu
Model railroading is actually several hobbies tied together by the objective of creating a miniature railroad. Yes, model railroading can be part of your 4-H activities, such as woodworking, model building, electronics, artwork and photography. Do you have a train set that was set up under your holiday tree? Did you know November is National Model Railroad Month? Celebrate by Joining train enthusiast Tony Dell to learn about this unique activity that you can start with a minimum amount of skill, resources and knowledge of the subject and continue to learn and enjoy for a lifetime.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://wsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIvfuGurDIjHNbzZq0kBlvfguJanX7tl8js

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

State 4-H Ambassadors Announce 4-H Youth of the Month for October!

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors are recognizing youths for their hard work throughout the year. The honoree for the month of October is Wyatt from Yakima County! The Ambassadors will be expanding the program to highlight various youth monthly throughout the year!
Washington State Fair Foundation Scholarship Applications
Open November 1!

The Washington State Fair Foundation is pleased to present scholarship opportunities to local students for continuing education. 4-H member students may be eligible for some of these opportunities.

BLUE RIBBON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 WILL BE OPEN NOVEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2022.
Go to https://www.thefair.com/foundation/scholarships/ and click any of the scholarships listed to see specific qualifications, or apply directly at: https://thefairfoundation.awardspring.com.

Students only need to submit one application for all scholarships offered online. The application system will automatically apply students for the scholarships they qualify for.

For any Scholarship questions, please email kima@thefair.com.

Teen Advocates Needed for Suicide Prevention Task Force!
Are you a teen interested in becoming an advocate for suicide prevention? Join our WSU 4-H teen task force!

See the flyer linked below for details. All 4-H youth aged 13-18 are welcome to apply. If you are interested in applying to the task force, you can do so [here](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCratMSux2hfmxE)

**Suicide Prevention Taskforce Flyer Link**

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**Join the 4-H Fair Board! Apply by December 1!!**

It was a warm Sunday afternoon with a slight breeze. The public presentation about how to clean a saddle had just ended and the annual 4-H Fashion Revue was about to begin. You could hear the sheep bleating in the distance and the cows mooing. Record times were being displayed as the horse gamers completed their runs.

These are just a few of the activities put together by the State 4-H Fair Board under the leadership of Tom Gwin, 4-H Fair Manager. The State 4-H Fair operates within the Washington State Fair in Puyallup every year during the month of
September. The fair board works all year to provide our youth a venue to showcase the results of their year-long efforts and hard work with their 4-H projects.

The Fair Board's goal is to provide a memorable and positive experience for all our state 4-H youth. Putting on a successful fair is a huge undertaking, and this year was particularly challenging with COVID and the constantly changing policies to keep our youth safe. But seeing them reach their goals and feel the reward of achievement made it all worthwhile!

If this kind of challenge and undertaking sounds interesting to you as a volunteer or leader, consider joining our board either as a one-year appointee or a full three-year member. Applications may be found on our WSU 4-H website. Applications are due by December 1 to the Washington State 4-H Fair, PO Box 1225, Puyallup WA 98371.

Join the State 4-H Advisory Board!

The State Advisory Board is a place to share ideas in the 4-H world. Adult and teen positions are available in all four districts around the state.

Applications for appointment to the board are accepted through December 1st.

Applications can be found here: https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/state-advisory-board/

APPLY TODAY!

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