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Features

WSU 4-H Scholarships Offer Ability to Make the Best Better

By Denise Echelbarger, WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
May 25, 2022

Washington State University (WSU) Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) are pleased to announce the 2022 scholarship winners. We are proud to offer scholarship assistance to support Washington high school students currently enrolled as 4-H members.
Shannon Allen (Thurston County) and Kathleen Sciarotta (Kitsap County) each received the J. Orville/Helen Young and 4-H Fund Scholarship. Allen will be attending South Puget Sound Community College in the fall of 2022. She has been part of 4-H for eight years, has shown rabbits, pack goats, and participated in several leadership activities including teaching an after-school program about gardening, plants, and healthy living once a week. Sciarotta will be attending Washington State University (WSU) Pullman in August with plans to major in neuroscience on the pre-vet track. She has been in 4-H for eleven years and had the opportunity to take on a 4-H Academy community service project event that boosted involvement with local 4-H clubs.

Molly Greiner (Skagit County), Alaina Houser (Thurston County), and Chloe Mattson (Kittitas County) were awarded the Lewis County Leaders 4-H Council Scholarship. Greiner plans to attend WSU Pullman in the fall and double major in biochemistry and English with her goal being to attend the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. 4-H has played an influential role in Greiner’s life for the past six years as she barely recognizes her painfully shy elementary school self as her leadership and organizational skills have developed significantly. Houser has been a member of 4-H for ten years and will be attending Oregon State University to major in environmental science. She hopes to become an involved leader and help the next generation of 4-Hers have as valuable an experience as she was given. Mattson will be attending the WSU Honors College and plans to study biological science (with a pre-medical track) and Spanish. Over the last ten years in 4-H the projects Mattson participated in include lambs, food and nutrition, leadership, and Know Your Government.

Haley Neumiller (Spokane County) was the recipient of the Thomas R. Quann 4-H Scholarship and will be attending the University of Washington this fall to major in bioengineering to become a pediatric occupational therapist. In Neumiller’s seven years in 4-H she learned to seek opportunities to serve the community and owes many accomplishments to the skills and lessons she learned through the guidance from countless 4-H leaders and mentors.

Olivia VanderVeen, (Whatcom County) received the O.M. Plummer Scholarship of the Oregon Community Foundation, and will be attending Iowa State University to major in animal science and become a large-animal veterinarian. VanderVeen has been a 4-H member for nine years and has raised market hogs, dairy goats, rabbits, chickens, and more. Her goal is to use her education to give back to the community that she loves and has already given her so much through their support and countless opportunities.

Tressa Wade (Grant County) was awarded the Woody and Joan Bernard 4-H Higher Education Scholarship and will be carrying on a Vandal family tradition and attend the University of Idaho to major in animal sciences and minor in agriculture communications to seek a career in the field of genetics and artificial insemination (AI). Eleven years as a 4-H member has built Wade’s passion for
agriculture which led to her desire to produce her own livestock and grow a cattle and sheep breeding business using AI.

Katherine Moen (King County), Rosetta Renwick (Walla Walla County), and Aubree Triplett (Pacific County) have all been 4-H members for over ten years and are the recipients of the WSU 4-H CAHNRS Dettman Scholarship. Moen will be pursuing a major in animal science with the pre-veterinary pathway in the CAHNRS program. She gained experience and knowledge, with the leadership roles in her club, as well as presenting on poultry care and handling, organizing community service projects, and teaching incoming members about 4-H and showing chickens. Renwick has wanted to attend WSU for as long as she can remember and the generous contribution towards her continued education will help make her goal of majoring in wildlife ecology a little easier to achieve. She showed swine for eight years, participated in livestock judging and oral reasons, and gave demonstration presentations to improve her public speaking and presenting skills. Triplett has carried on a 4-H family tradition with her livestock projects based on beef cattle, swine, sheep, rabbits, and marketing off livestock at her county auction. She will be majoring in agribusiness at WSU. Triplett’s thank-you letter shares a compassionate reminder that, “One of the biggest reasons I would love to give back to 4-H is because it has taught me countless life skills and blessed me with valuable memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Every child should get the opportunity to experience that like I did.”

Congratulations to all the 2022 award recipients that dedicated their 4-H experience “to make the best better,” and continue working towards accomplishing their next steps in higher education. For more information on the Washington State 4-H scholarship opportunities or to support 4-H visit extension.wsu.edu/4h.

Washington State 4-H Youth Are Invited to NRCHA Youth Cow Horse Clinic in Eugene Oregon on June 25th and 26th

RSVP BY JUNE 19TH!
The National Reined Cow Horse Association and the Northwest Reined Cow Horse Association are hosting a FREE youth cow horse clinic in June in Eugene Oregon. We would like to invite the Washington State 4-H kids to attend!

RSVP by June 19th at nwreinedcowhorse@gmail.com
RV Spots: www.oregonhorsecenter.com
Full Registration Information for the PNW Horse Judges Training Coming This Fall Is Now Available!

DOWNLOAD THE INFORMATION PACKET HERE!
The State 4-H Dairy Judging contest determines the individuals that will represent Washington participating at the National event in 2023.

This year the contest will be held: on July 19, 2022, at the Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington, starting at 11:00 am.

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.

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The Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest is Happening on June 25, 2022!

**Saturday, June 25, 2022.**

*Ardell Pavilion, Grant County Fair Grounds, Moses Lake, Washington*

For information please go to our website: [https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/events/) and you will be able to access information on June 25th on this statewide calendar. This is where you will find the “Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest – Rules and Guidelines” pdf as well as the “Washington 4-H State Livestock Judging – National Contest Team Travel” pdf and the “Schedule” for the day.

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**WSU CAHNRS Corner for May 31st**

*Articles! WSU CAHNRS Department of Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles Capstone Case Study and Forestry Scientists Share Lessons for Wildfire Awareness*

Elizabeth Perez, Director, Recruitment and Retention, CAHNRS

Hello, 4-H Community!

Today we’re sharing a story about an Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles (AMDT) Capstone Case Study for anyone thinking about AMDT as a major, as well as an article highlighting the WSU Extension Forestry Program during Wildfire Awareness Month.
Students Bring Fresh Ideas to Reach Next-Gen Consumers in Real-World Merchandising Challenge

AMDT merchandising seniors teamed up to test their knowledge in the annual capstone case study. Above, first-place winners in the Nordstrom-KGL challenge presented their concept, “Radical Collection.” From channeling the radical 1980s to reselling lightly used goods, students brought bold ideas to solve real-world challenges for Nordstrom, Kurt Geiger London, and Zulily.

Held this spring, the senior capstone competition tested merchandising students’ industry knowledge, research skills, and creativity.

Click HERE to read the full article!

Wildfire Awareness: Forestry Scientists Share Lessons to Understand, Adapt to Realities of Fire

Wildfire is a perennial challenge for Washington and the west. Learn about the risk of fire, and how to defend and restore balance in the landscape, with help from WSU and Extension foresters.

Lessons from fires of the past can help Northwest residents prepare for wildfires to come—and help our forests become more adapted to an era of fire.

Forestry scientists at Washington State University study wildfire and its impacts on the land, both bad and good. WSU Extension Foresters share current understanding about fire and how to reduce its ravages, helping rural landowners safeguard their homes, property, and natural resources.

Click HERE to read the full article!
Compounded by low rainfall, rising summer temperatures, and decades of fire exclusion, wildland fire poses a threat to homes and forests, natural resources, and our environment. Given time, warm temperatures and low relative humidity, trees, grasses and other plants can easily become fuel for a blaze.

At-Risk Forest
- Underbrush acts as tinder for fire
- Crown fires can sweep from tree to tree, causing intense firestorms
- Fire can climb branches (called ladder fuels) to the crown of a tree

Fire-Resistant Forest
- Remove fuels from the ground and vertically from trees
- Safely and legally use prescribed fires to reduce wildfire fuels
- Remove smaller trees to save room and resources for larger, more fire-resistant ones
- Increase space between trees

Fire Defense Zones
- Create a defensible area to protect your home from fire
- Remove flammable material, clean roof and gutters, screen vents
- Reduce fuels, create firebreaks, spread out trees and shrubs
- Remove small trees and ground litter, space trees out
- In case of fire, have an evacuation plan

Restoring Balance
- Autumn and winter are the best times to thin and prune
- Mature ponderosa pines and other fire-adapted trees have thick bark to help them survive fire
- More open forests offer enhanced habitat for wildlife
AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATES  
Articles and Links

All About Avian Influenza

If you have poultry or know someone who does, please read through this material and use the links as needed. Currently, the surveillance areas are for 10 kilometers/about 6.2 miles and for 30 days from the point of origin, current information at [https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/avian-health/avian-influenza/bird-flu-2022](https://agr.wa.gov/departments/animals-livestock-and-pets/avian-health/avian-influenza/bird-flu-2022), you can see when and where there are confirmed cases around the state. This first one is the updated WSDA website it has the daily update and a brand-new interactive quarantine area map. There is also a new map showing all of the positive locations in the U.S. As of May 17th, at 10 AM there are eight confirmed positive backyard flocks (small flocks), in eight different counties in the State of WA.

Fairs will make their own decisions but remember it is still early for most fairs to make a call on hosting poultry shows at county/community fairs and the surveillance is for 30 days. At this time, this is not a quarantine other than for the properties that have been depopulated.

Currently, migrations of wild waterfowl are the major mode/vector/fomite that is spreading Avian Influenza. However, attention to bio-security practices should be enhanced so that we (people) and our modes of transportation as well as other animals do not become fomites. There is MUCH more information below and many links to help answer your questions and a link to watch a recorded broadcast via YouTube with our WA State Veterinarian Dr. Amber Itle from 5/12/22.

**Pam Watson, WSU Lewis County Extension 4-H and Poultry**

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**Avian Influenza in Washington State – What all bird owners should know and think about ...**

Avian Influenza is in Washington State and since birds use a flyway and don’t stick to the freeways it should be considered everywhere. Be extra careful during wild bird migration seasons (spring and fall) particularly wild waterfowl, to protect your flock from infectious diseases. Where possible keep birds inside or undercover and check coops, pens, and poultry houses regularly for areas that allow wild birds to perch, nest, or interact with domesticated fowl. Learn more about biosecurity at: [bit.ly/DefendtheFlock-Resources](https://bit.ly/DefendtheFlock-Resources) (available in several languages).
Please report any unusual or high rates of illness or death in your flocks: WSDA Sick Bird Hotline at 1-800-606-3056.

For food safety questions, call WSDA Food Safety Program at 1-360-902-1876
Contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to report sick or dead wild birds Report Wildlife Observations (arcgis.com)

AVIAN INFLUENZA – HOW POULTRY OWNERS CAN PROTECT THEIR FLOCK

Below is a recording of a 2021 WSDA webinar on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and steps poultry owners can take to protect their birds from this disease. In this webinar you will learn:

- What HPAI is and signs to look for in your flock
- How the global conditions are similar to the 2014/2015 outbreak of HPAI that reached Washington
- What effective biosecurity means and practical steps you can take to protect your flock
- Where to find additional resources about biosecurity
- When and how to report bird health issues, including suspected avian influenza

You can watch the avian influenza webinar on YouTube.
Good morning! With an all-hands-on-deck response effort at WSDA to contain HPAI, I’m having trouble getting these emails out to you all in a timely way. Please regularly check these resources for up-to-date information. You can join our WSDA bird flu Facebook group, watch pre-recorded YouTube videos, monitor our bird flu website and check our WSDA new release website for information about detections in new counties, as well as any guidance about shows and fairs. Please distribute widely. Don’t hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns. Responses may be delayed, but we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Washington Bird Flu Updates 2022 | Facebook
WA State Veterinarian Bird Flu Q and A
WSDA News Releases -
2022 Washington Bird Flu Detections
2022 Confirmations of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Commercial and Backyard Flocks
2022 Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Wild Birds

4-H International Exchange Program Update
Have you ever wanted to experience another culture through hosting? Consider opening your home to a short-term visiting delegate. This summer we have twelve young people aged 13-15 visiting from Japan for about a month. We are looking for host families who have a child in the home of the same gender and within three years of age of the delegate. The 4-H International Exchange program is a learning opportunity that allows one to learn about another culture, develop friendships and learn something about oneself. Delegates are here to experience cultural immersion, not tourism, so there are no required gatherings, tours or site seeing requirements. We are looking for families who will open their hearts to a short-term international experience. Although this is a 4-H opportunity, families do not need to be in 4-H to participate.

DATES: Sunday July 24-Monday August 15
REQUIREMENTS: A youth in the home of the same gender and within three years of age of the delegate, an open heart and an open mind. Screening process involves an application, references, background check and home interview.

For more information contact Carolyn Russo, carolyn.russo@wsu.edu

To start a host family application, visit https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/

Or learn more by visiting the national page www.states4hexchange.org

This week, we are featuring three girls who are looking for host families (contact Carolyn if you would like the full list of delegates)

Delegates are placed on a first fully screened basis.

Wakana, age 14 – Wakana loves dance and has practiced since she was very young. She is excited to meet lifelong friends on her exchange. Wakana also enjoys soccer, trying new foods, being in nature, the outdoors, movies, watching sports and shopping. She is in a track and field club. Her favorite school subjects are P.E. and English. Wakana describes herself as considerate, energetic, curious, honest and studious. Wakana has been learning English since she was very young.

Ayumi, age 15 – Ayumi is very excited to be part of an American family for the summer. Her interests include watching anime, reading manga and novels, ballet, shopping and seeing musicals. She also plays the cello and loves to sing. Ayumi really enjoys animals and wants to be around animals on her summer exchange as well as experience the outdoors, Ayumi’s favorite subjects in school are math and music. She describes herself as considerate, outgoing, energetic, sociable, and tolerant. She is excited to learn more English this summer.
Kanako, age 15 – Kanako really enjoys movies, dance, shopping and watching TV. She has been in dance for many years and loves K-pop and American pop music. She is excited to practice English and communicate during her summer home stay. Kanako likes sports such as badminton, ping pong and basketball. Kanako describes herself as talkative, cheerful, considerate, tidy, and outgoing. She has some minor allergies to dust and pollen but can manage them on her own.

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State 4-H Ambassadors Present the 4-H Youth of the Month for May!

The Washington State 4-H Ambassadors recognize the 4-H Youth of the Month honoree for May, Adrian Islas of Benton County! The Ambassadors are proud to highlight 4-H youth monthly throughout the year!

4-H YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Adrian Islas
Intermediate
Benton County

PROJECTS:
Market Lambs

Washington State 4-H

Adrian Islas

Favorite Part About 4-H: Adrian enjoys being with his 4-H community and learning showmanship from peers.

What 4-H Has Taught You: 4-H has taught Adrian about asking questions, getting help if you need it, good showmanship, and volunteering at the food bank.

Biggest 4-H Achievement: He is proud to have received second place in his county’s championship lamb show.

How Did He Get Into His Project: His sister did FFA and introduced him to showing lambs.

Favorite Food: Quesadillas!

Future Career: Adrian hopes to go into science and computer engineering.
Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Washington State Junior Horse Show will be at the Yakima State Fair Park on June 24-26. A Sue Sultze Ranch Horse Clinic is scheduled for June 23. Entry Form deadline is June 10. Buckles and Premium Money will be awarded!

[https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/4-h-horse-events/](https://extension.wsu.edu/yakima/4-h/4-h-events/4-h-horse-events/)

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Washington State Junior Horse Show!

**Colville Reservation 4-H Project Contributes to Rangeland Rehabilitation**

Celebrating Earth Day and caring for the Earth should be more than just one day of the year. Colville Reservation youth are demonstrating this by contributing to the rehabilitation of the rangelands on the Colville Indian Reservation.

WSU Colville Reservation Extension 4-H program is partnering and collaborating with Colville Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Natural Resource programs to teach youth how to make seed bombs to attract pollinators. The youth also get to learn about wildland fire and the damage that it causes to the lands. The objective of this project is to promote environmental stewardship and awareness in youth by encouraging them to take an active role in helping the environment.

“We have developed the Seed Bomb project as a form of citizen science, to help rehabilitate and rejuvenate the burned rangelands” stated Linda McLean, Director/FRTEP 4-H Extension Educator for WSU Colville Reservation Extension 4-H Program. McLean went on to say, “In the summer of 2021, the Colville Reservation was ravaged by wildfire. This project allows for reservation youth to learn about the damage that wildfire can create and how they can help heal the Earth.”

Creating and distributing seed bombs will allow plants to grow and attract pollinators to the area. In addition to gaining education, the youth are directly contributing to the healing of the burned lands by dispersing their seed bombs on the burned areas. These seed bombs will lay in wait for natural rainwater to melt away the clay, water the soil, sprout the seeds, and then grow beautiful native plants. These plants will attract pollinators to the area, but they will also help with restoring the environment.
To date, we have worked with four schools and two Boys & Girls Clubs, for a total of 528 students. During the presentation, on average, each student makes five seed bombs. We have one more school and one more afterschool program scheduled. We will also be providing this activity during two community events.

The seed bombs are made with three ingredients: air dry clay; potting soil; and a native seed mix specially blended for the Colville Reservation. The seed mix is comprised of native plants that naturally grow on the reservation and will attract pollinators. This will benefit the wild plants as well as the local agriculture crops by attracting pollinators to the area. The plan is, once the seed bombs are dry, we will take the students on a field trip out to a burn area, and they will distribute the seed bombs. The goal is to have the seed bombs grow plants to help regenerate and revitalize the Colville Reservation rangelands.

While we used a specialty seed mix, you could easily create the seed bombs using a wildflower mixture or even a vegetable seed mixture for edible plants or grass seed mixture for erosion control areas.

If you would like to create Seed Bombs, please visit this link [https://youtu.be/rcF5V9FhNhY](https://youtu.be/rcF5V9FhNhY) and view the short video. It contains easy-to-follow instructions on how to make seed bombs. This Seed Bomb project is a good companion project for the 4-H At Home Pollinators issue. To access this issue and some fun activities about pollinators, please visit [https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/pollinators/](https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/pollinators/). You will find information and activities to enhance knowledge about pollinators. The activities include simple craft projects that can be made with easy-to-find items.
Announcing the 2022 Horse Bowl Results!

Congratulations to the 27 youth from Thurston, Skagit and Snohomish counties who participated in the 2022 Washington State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest on April 30. It is always a challenge to do a virtual contest; however, all participants, coaches and officials did a magnificent job!

Thank you to all the officials for their contributions with special appreciation to our Tech Support of R-A Mazzola and Erika Kapur, who really made it possible. Ann Vondereau was the Senior Moderator, Kim Baker was the Intermediate Moderator, Katie Huston was the timer and Molly Verschuyl was the ZOOM/Breakout room master! And a big thank you to Pat Pehling, who is our State 4-H Horse Bowl Coordinator. All of the contest officials volunteered their time to this contest.

RESULTS

SENIORS

Champion Team – Snohomish (Qualified for National 4-H Contest in Kentucky in November)
Reserve Champion Team – Thurston
Third Place Team – Skagit

Top Ten Individuals
1st with Gold Medal – Katie Pestinger (Thurston)
2nd with Silver Medal – Charlotte Pestinger (Thurston)
3rd with Bronze Medal – Avery Hand (Snohomish)
4th – Elaina Kunz (Snohomish)
5th – Molly Greiner (Skagit)
6th – Stella Harris (Thurston)
7th – Baeya Kardokus (Thurston)
8th – Makenna Fransson (Skagit)
9th – Elise Petermann (Snohomish)

INTERMEDIATES

Champion Team – Snohomish
Reserve Champion Team – Thurston
3rd Place – Skagit
Top Ten Individuals:
1st with Gold Medal – Zoe Verschuyl (Snohomish)
2nd with Silver Medal – Alice Cottrell-Steen (Snohomish)
3rd with Bronze Medal – Dakota Gruchalla (Snohomish)
4th – Katelyn Cockrum (Snohomish)
5th – Leah Andreassen (Thurston)
6th – Kaidence Yancy (Thurston)
7th – Cloey Yancy (Thurston) and Courtney Lightner (Skagit)
9th – Cassidy Pruiett (Skagit)
10th – Kelsey Woodcock (Skagit)

Of course, the County Coaches deserve recognition for their commitment to serving the youth in their counties to prepare them for and support them in the Contest:
Skagit – Sharrie Nelson and Hannah Brown
Snohomish – RA Mazzola and Hannah Kruchek (Sr.), Erika Kapur and Jaeden Kapur (Int.)
Thurston – Molly Pestinger

And finally, to the youth that participated in this contest….their level of knowledge related to equine science is over the top!! They were prepared and have the zoom platform nailed down. They were very respectful to the officials and the judge.

For more information about how to organize a county horse bowl contest...please feel free to reach out to Pat Pehling State horse bowl coordinator. We would like to see more counties participate in this high-level science event.

Submitted by Jennifer Leach, WSU 4-H Equine Specialist and Pat Pehling, State 4-H Horse Bowl Coordinator
Kristin Osika, 4-H Youth-in-Action Winner and speaker at last week’s National 4-H Summit on Healthy Living is sharing a few of her favorite allergen-free recipes. These tasty creations leave out the gluten but deliver on flavor!

GET STARTED
In this role-playing activity, help the residents of Cloverville as they navigate the effects of a drought. Due to increasing global temperatures, the impacts of drought are becoming more widespread and severe. Kids will explore ways to adapt to dry conditions and use problem-solving skills to help the farm and community find ways to conserve water.

Brought to you by the Utah State University Extension STEM and Agriscience Initiatives

GET STARTED
Do you coach, or participate in, competitive Horse Judging or Hippology? Are you looking for classes to practice? Check out this opportunity. Register for this course and you will have access to 6 classes to judge, along with the official placings, and an official critique, to learn why the classes were placed the way they were. The course becomes available January 15, and closes on July 15. You can access as many times as you want in that time period, and can join anytime. This is completely self-directed, so go at your own pace, whenever you wish.

Go to: [https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingContest](https://catalog.extension.org/product?catalog=HorseJudgingContest)

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**COVID-19 RESOURCES**

**4-H COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

**UPDATED MARCH 12, 2022**

Washington State University has adopted the Governor’s updated mask policy which is effective March 12, 2022. This policy eliminates the general masking requirement in both indoor and outdoor situations, unless specifically required for a particular location for health reasons (such as clinics). Also eliminated is the general requirement for social distancing among vaccinated individuals. WSU has extended the relaxation of the masking and distancing requirements to those employees who have exemptions from the vaccine requirement (for religious or medical reasons) and have approved accommodations at their workplace.
WSU Extension has therefore adopted the following:

**Vaccination Requirements Continue**

The vaccine mandate for WSU employees and volunteers remains in place. WSU employees and volunteers must be fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption with an accommodation on file to engage in work with WSU Extension.

**Masking Policy Changes**

WSU Extension has adopted the Governor’s mask policy effective March 12, 2022. This policy eliminates the general masking requirement in both indoor and outdoor situations, unless specifically required for a particular location such as health care settings and public transportation. This extends to individuals who have an approved accommodation based on a medical or religious exemption, who no longer are required to wear a mask as a condition of that accommodation.

**Social Distancing Changes**

WSU Extension applies the relaxation of social distancing requirements to those volunteers who are fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption with an accommodation (for religious or medical reasons) on file at their workplace or county office.

**PLEASE NOTE – individual offices and locations may continue to require masking and/or distancing at the office level for all office programs in light of local risks and conditions.**

**GOVERNOR INSLEE’S VACCINATION PROCLAMATION**

**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

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**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/](https://extension.wsu.edu/covid-19/)

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**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](https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/FS_0039.pdf)