



April 10, 2020

Dear Snohomish County 4-H Community,

As COVID-19 continues its reach into our calendars to erase plans, we felt the need to focus on positives and share some reminders. First and foremost, hope is not cancelled. Hope is tenacious, and contagious. Hope coaxes us to try again, and to find the good in the day, in ourselves, in each other, and our circumstances. Hope gives us strength. It gives us strength to adjust, and re-adjust, our goals and dreams, which is something we've all been doing a lot lately! We have seen so much resilience, adaptability, and ingenuity in Snohomish County 4-H as members and leaders rise to the challenges we are facing in our world today. What an amazing community! Thank you, everyone, for doing your part!

**Social distancing** is still in place through May 4. The Fairgrounds are closed through May 20. We will announce any further 4-H in-person postponement dates as we receive them. In the meantime, we strongly recommend that no in-person meetings be planned without online options for all of May – and encourage you to take advantage of online options rather than cancel entirely. A social meeting, even if virtual, is very beneficial to youth, especially in challenging times. We can help provide online options, schedule Zoom meetings for you, and help with technical issues as needed. You can email Kim Baker or Ashley Hall, or you can fill out this [Zoom Meeting Request Form](#).

[Stay Home, Stay Healthy Resources](#) is a new webpage we developed to share online resources, press releases, Snohomish County 4-H Weekly Challenges, and the most up-to-date Stay Home, Stay Healthy directives.

Many of you have expressed interest in making face masks with your club or program. Thank you for considering how you can use your talents and resources to help our community! Per WSU requirements, we do ask you to include the following statement on a piece of paper with the masks when you deliver them: "Cloth masks are intended to assist with respiratory etiquette only and should not be considered personal protective equipment for medical purposes. The construction of masks is a personal choice." For more information, CDC recommendations can be found here:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

If you find that you are not too busy caring for yourself and your family as you Stay Home, Stay Healthy, now might be a good time to check the following items off your to-do list:

- [Statewide COVID-19 Survey](#)
- [Annual Financial Training](#) (Enrollment Key: SNOHOMISH) Required for club/program leaders and treasurers
- [2020 Volunteer Update](#) Annual requirement for all volunteers
- [April 18 - Volunteer Education Sign Up](#)

Kudos to you all for making such rapid adjustments to your lives as we all strive to stay home, stay healthy, and take care of each other. We encourage you to remember hope is not cancelled! We'll get through this!

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