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Dear Snohomish County 4-H Community,

Last week's update brought the disappointing news that **ALL 4-H in-person activities are suspended through the end of school** and that you can expect 4-H activities to remain virtual through June 19th. This week brings the happy news that we are celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week! Combining these two would be a challenge, except that Snohomish County 4-H has the BEST volunteers who have been hard at work to continue providing ways for our youth to participate in their projects and socialize with their 4-H family and friends. We said it last week, and we'll say it again and again, we are so impressed by the many ways our volunteers are finding to provide ways for members to stay involved with their friends, clubs, and 4-H activities! Thank you!

With all the cancellations, you may be wondering about Fair. I am sorry to report that we cannot currently confirm that an in-person Fair will happen, but that we are working with county leaders to work out a contingency plan to have alternative participation methods in place if they are needed. We also recognize that a traditional Fair may be challenging because members haven't had the opportunity to work with their animals or on their projects as much as is usually expected. We understand these challenges and we know how important doing your best is to our members, so we are taking these things into consideration and working to include some "less-stress" options to make your 2020 Fair experience safe and fun. As we consider and plan, we welcome and encourage your thoughts and ideas. If you have ideas on how to address potential challenges in your project, please call or email to discuss it with us! We'd love to hear from you!

A few reminders!

We have created a new webpage to share online resources, press releases, Snohomish County 4-H Weekly Challenges, and the most up-to-date Stay Home, Stay Healthy information. Visit here: [Stay Home, Stay Healthy Resources](#).

We have an active Snohomish County 4-H Facebook page too! Join us here: <https://www.facebook.com/SnoCo4H/>

And did you know?!? Snohomish County 4-H also has its own YouTube channel!! [SnoCo4-H YouTube channel](#)

We encourage all club, project, and program leaders to take advantage of online options to stay connected with members during this time. If you need ideas for how to facilitate your activity online, or if you would like 4-H Staff to facilitate something for you, please let us know. We can also schedule Zoom meetings for you and help with technical issues. Email Kim Baker or Ashley Hall, or fill out this [Zoom Meeting Request Form](#).

We'll get through this together!

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