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Hello, 4-H Community!

It has been a few weeks since we updated you, and while we don't have any breaking news, we wanted to touch base, see how you are doing.

We have had many questions recently from volunteers and parents about in-person participation, and we are equally anxious to begin seeing each other in person. Thank you, so much, for your suggestions on how we can meet safely in person. I want you to know that those messages and emails don't fall on deaf ears, nor do they stop at our office. We are compiling those suggestions and sending them up the chain so that our statewide reopening committee can help develop a plan that will meet the needs of the 4-H community while also maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all participants. I want to remind you all that while we miss participating in person, and we miss seeing one another, this temporary situation, while inconvenient and frustrating for some, is a matter of life and death for others. 4-H has prided itself on being a community service organization, where youth work together to better their neighborhoods. Please, continue to exemplify that ideal by heeding the advice of our health officials, by engaging with your 4-H peers in a virtual environment, by masking up, and by staying safe and healthy.

Speaking of the statewide reopening committee, please remember that we have representatives from all over the state, including Beth Wangen, working very hard to make these difficult decisions. Your emails and phone calls with suggestions and comments are being heard and expressed to that team as they work on proposals to move forward safely.

The update for today is that things are staying as-is until we hear more: no in-person meetings. However, that does not mean 4-H isn't meeting! We have dozens of youth meeting regularly in the virtual environment! We have youth attending virtual competitions, collaborating on projects, and submitting posters! If you club or project is still struggling to get going virtually, we invite you to email us, call us, or send us a carrier pigeon. We will do all we can to get you going! If you need help figuring out how to get supplies to your club members, send Ashley an email and she will walk you through options, or figure out how Extension can facilitate.

For those youth who submitted entries for our poster contest, thank you, they were so impressive!! Our judges have been selected and our scoring sheets created, so you will hear results soon (early October)!

Another reminder: Flyin' Lions donated some amazing bandanas printed with the winning design submitted by 4-H youth members. We are working to get those out to every enrolled youth, so if you have not received one, please let us know how to get it to you by filing out [this online form](#).

Thank you all. Thank you for your patience, your dedication, and your perseverance. Thank you for making your community a better place. Please, stay safe and stay healthy.

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