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Hello, Snohomish County 4-H community,

We know it has only been a few days since our last update but given Governor Inslee's latest four-week statewide restrictions that were announced Monday, we felt it was important to send out another letter.

You can read the press release and the full proclamation here: [Inslee Announces Statewide Restrictions for Four Weeks](#). These restrictions will impact 4-H in Snohomish County in a number of ways. First, per Governor Inslee's restrictions, all activities that could have been proposed at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds are now cancelled for at least the next four weeks. In addition, given these restrictions and the serious risks of meeting in person, WSU is pausing consideration of any activities that involve face-to-face interactions.

This does not mean 4-H is again restricted to stay-home, however. For example, porch drop-offs and pick-ups can still happen and are a great way to provide hybrid learning experiences for our youth. Contact the office if you want to provide this opportunity to your youth, and we will walk you through the procedure for doing so. We can also help coordinate those efforts, and mail out supplies if needed.

Additional ideas for in-person activities that **do not involve** any face-to-face interactions will be considered. By face-to-face interactions, we mean those involving members gathering in the same place, at the same time, where potential contact may occur. Examples of in-person activities that are not face-to-face would include an event where youth can drive through to view a display, or one in which youth conduct an activity as a family and record or take photos for virtual credit. Again, contact the office if you have ideas that you think fall into this category and we can provide direction on the process you will need to use to get started. It is essential that you contact the office first, as approval is required for all activities that are in-person, even if no anticipated face-to-face interactions will occur.

One final update, Ashley will be out of the office Nov. 23-27, and the (virtual) office will observe an abbreviated holiday schedule. Keep an eye out for notices about our Tea Time hours changes on our [Stay Home, Stay Healthy webpage](#).

As always, stay safe, stay healthy, and we appreciate all that you do!

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