



Grant County



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EXTENSION

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Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers, and Members:

In consultation with WSU Extension and the WA State Dept. of Health, all 4-H programming will be conducted **virtually, postponed or cancelled**, effective immediately. In addition, all WSU County Offices will be closed to PHYSICAL PUBLIC ACCESS; however, 4-H Faculty and 4-H Staff will continue operations via phone or email. By taking this action, our 4-H community will do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Your health and safety are very important to us, so we are prepared for this temporary suspension to remain in place **through April 27 or until K-12 schools resume**. The WSU Extension team will be consulting with WSU administration and public health officials and re-assessing safety guidelines regularly to make decisions that are consistent with updated information.

The 4-H Youth Development Program will be working in different ways virtually online and/or through telephone conferencing. Your county 4-H Faculty and 4-H Staff will be reaching out to you, so **please join us, and think creatively during this time!**

If you'd like to try using Zoom for interactive meetings online, but you aren't sure where to start, or you want to hone your skills, check out this page containing many tips and tutorials:

This is the link to all the Zoom questions:

<https://confluence.esg.wsu.edu/display/KB/Self+Help+-+Video+Conferencing>

Simple quick start video instructions on Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

If you feel confident using online tools for meetings/discussions, please assist those who are hesitant. Coach them by phone, FaceTime, etc. to help them learn the ropes. Let's try to include everyone who wants to be included!

***Here is a website put together by our King County 4-H educators that lists a variety of exciting learning activities that can be done at home!

<https://extension.wsu.edu/king/learning-links-4-h-and-more/> If you find another awesome research-based learning SITE that you'd like to share, please let us know and we'll add it to the website!

Stay tuned to your County 4-H website, Facebook, and e-mails for ongoing information. We will be flexible together and make smart, safe choices. **We will get through this, together!**

Sincerely,

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