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Dear Colorado 4-H Members, Families and Volunteers,

Colorado 4-H takes the health and safety of our community very seriously and we are carefully monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation. In response to the pandemic, all face-to-face Colorado 4-H programming continues to be suspended with the exception of those activities which have an approved Extension Event Plan for In-Person Programming. Event applications are completed by County Extension agents and submitted for approval to Colorado State University Extension, State 4-H Youth Development. All county 4-H programming must follow their county's public health guidelines at all times.

Colorado 4-H shares the commitment of state health officials and other leaders to safeguard the health of staff, volunteers, families, program participants, employees, and community members. Our partnership with community members and leaders across local, county and state levels are extremely important in this effort. While we recognize that individuals have the right to choose what precautions they will take in their day-to-day life, with the guidance of health officials, 4-H has established rules related to the pandemic for those who wish to participate in 4-H programs. The 4-H Code of Conduct requires that all participants adhere to program rules and policies.

I know these restrictions have been challenging and disappointing at times. Your county 4-H staff and volunteers and the State 4-H Office team are continuing to work hard to provide virtual 4-H programming in creative ways and to plan for in-person programming in a manner that puts the health and safety of all 4-H program participants first.

As we move forward through the summer please check in with your county Extension Office for up-to-date information regarding event participation requirements and health department requirements. As always, 4-H members, leaders, parents and the adults participating in 4-H programs are expected to abide by the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct including:

- Adhering to the principles and rules of safety.
- Adhering to program rules, policies and rules of the facility being used.

Consequences for Code of Conduct violations may include removal from participation in the event and other sanctions and may affect Member in Good Standing status.







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We thank you for your continued patience and support as we learn more from public health officials and educational partners and determine how to best serve youth during this unprecedented time. For information about Colorado 4-H and state level programs, please check our website <u>here</u>. We encourage you to visit your county webpage for more information about county 4-H programming.

Sincerely,

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