

# COVID-19 Update for Boulder County 4-H Programming

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Dear Boulder County 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

We wanted to update you about some changes to the Boulder County 4-H programs in the upcoming weeks and possibly months due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have been getting communications from Boulder County as well as Colorado State University that will have a significant impact on our county 4-H program this spring. We are following recommendations from both Boulder County and CSU in an effort to keep our 4-H members, parents, leaders and 4-H staff safe from the rapid spread of COVID-19. Please note that the recommendations are constantly evolving, and we will do our best to communicate with everyone any changes moving forward. Please be patient with us as we continue to receive information and figure out how to continue to provide great 4-H educational opportunities in Boulder County. We are very much erring on the side of caution to do our part to slow the spread of the virus in our communities.

***Effective March 13, 2020, all face to face Boulder County 4-H events, meetings and activities are suspended. We will review and provide an update on programming possibilities by May 15<sup>th</sup> (end of CSU semester). Note: The restrictions may extend beyond this timeframe.***

## **What does this mean for 4-H? Suspended = DO NOT MEET**

- All face to face 4-H meetings, both club and county, are suspended. This includes those held at the fairgrounds and those that are offsite.
- All face to face 4-H practices (teams, shooting sports, horse open rides, dog practices, etc.) are suspended. This includes those held at the fairgrounds and those that are offsite.
- All face to face 4-H workshops and other 4-H sponsored activities are suspended. This includes those held at the fairgrounds and those that are offsite.
- All programming targeted to at-risk populations is suspended immediately. Community Service is also included.

We are hopeful our summer activities, including Fair, will continue, but are unable to address it at this time.

The 4-H staff will be communicating with your organizational leader with ideas and options for having virtual 4-H meetings. Boulder County 4-H families will receive more specific club and project information from your leaders. ALL 4-H volunteers are expected to abide by these directives. We are also working on a plan to address project specific requirements, such as safety trainings, animal identification (tag-ins), and meat quality assurance. As we get these plans in place, we will communicate those to the Boulder County 4-H program.

As we navigate through this together, we want to thank you for your patience and understanding. We are headed through uncharted territory and 4-H will definitely look a little different this spring. We understand that this can be difficult and frustrating. We have a strong 4-H program with wonderful 4-H families and incredibly generous leaders. Please feel free to reach out to the 4-H staff if you have any questions. We will do our best to answer them. ***At this time, the Extension Office is closed to the public. Our staff is working remotely and maintaining normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm – Monday through Friday).***

For the time being, email will be the best point of contact. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we strive to provide quality and timely information for you.