COVID-19 Phase 2 Information for UC ANR Programs & Volunteers

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) has moved into phase two of its reopening plan. At this time, no one (including staff, volunteers, and the public) is allowed to engage in-person meetings or programs without approval from the UCCE County Director.

UC ANR has implemented 5 basic mitigation protocols that must be followed for all activities. These protocols are minimum standards for conducting programs and activities – your UCCE county office may have requirements that are stricter and must be followed. These protocols and any additional local procedures are detailed in your UCCE county office’s Location Safety Plan.

5 Basic Mitigation Protocols
1. Do not come to work or participate in any in-person ANR activities if you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms (frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and recent loss of taste or smell) or if you or someone you have been in contact with is diagnosed with COVID-19.
2. Maintain six feet of distance between people at all times.
3. Wear face coverings (cloth or paper masks, cloth bandanas, etc.) when six feet of separation between people cannot be maintained.
4. No group meetings/gatherings/events with more than 10 persons.
5. Maintain sanitary practices – frequently clean and disinfect workspaces and equipment, wash hands often, and use hand sanitizer.

The following steps must be completed by adult volunteers in order to resume limited in-person 4-H, Master Food Preserver, and/or Master Gardener meetings, programs, or activities. Any unauthorized in-person activities will not be covered by UC insurance and may not be recorded for volunteer hours. Corrective actions may be taken if volunteers or families host or participate in any unauthorized in-person activities.

COVID-19 Phase 2 - Steps Required to Begin Limited In-Person Activities

1. Must understand and follow the UC ANR COVID-19 Awareness Note.
2. Must understand and follow the UC ANR COVID-19 Prevention Note.
3. Must be prepared to implement the 5 basic mitigation protocols listed above, including measures to encourage participants stay home when they are sick or symptomatic, ensure distance between volunteers and/or members, use of face coverings, limiting the number of people, and maintaining hygienic practices.
4. Must understand, agree to, and follow any specific guidance or safety protocols provided by the UCCE county office.
5. Must attend virtual COVID-19 Phase 2 Safety Training hosted by UCCE personnel.
7. Must receive approval prior to in-person activities from the UCCE County Director.

It is the policy of the University of California (UC) and the UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources not to engage in discrimination against or harassment of any person in any of its programs or activities (Complete nondiscrimination policy statement can be found at http://ucanr.edu/sites/arrStaff/files/176836.doc). Inquiries regarding ANR’s nondiscrimination policies may be directed to UCANR, Affirmative Action Compliance & Title IX Officer, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618, (530) 750-1397.

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