Basic Safety Standards for Meeting In-person

These safety standards must be followed for all in-person UC 4-H activities.
These protocols apply to all 4-H events that 4-H has responsibility, management, and control of. Host locations may have additional requirements.

Symptom Survey
DO NOT participate in any in-person 4-H activities if you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or if you or someone you have been in contact with has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Symptoms include:

a. Fever or chills  
   b. Cough  
   c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing  
   d. Fatigue  
   e. Muscle or body aches  
   f. Headache  
   g. New loss of taste or smell  
   h. Sore throat  
   i. Congestion or runny nose  
   j. Nausea or vomiting  
   k. Diarrhea

Protocols for Outdoor Activities
- Face masks are not required when social distancing of 3 feet is maintained.
- If social distancing is not possible, masks are required.
- Maximum number of participants at outdoor gatherings sponsored/hosted by UC 4-H must be under 5,000 people. For events with more than 5,000 participants, please follow the state guidelines for mega-events.

Protocols for Indoor Activities
- When youth and adults are present: Masks are required for all persons, regardless of vaccination status.
- When only adults are present: Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks.
- Maintain social distancing of 3 feet
- To find out if your County has a specific mask order or other public health guidance that is different from the state, review your local public health COVID website
Protocols for Food Service

- Meals must be pre-plated or served
- No buffets, family-style or potlucks are allowed (unless servers plate food for individuals)
- At least one 4-H volunteer or 4-H professional serving food at the event must complete the ServSafe training
- The ServSafe certified 4-H volunteer or 4-H professional can train additional food servers using the Clover Safe Note: Food Safety at 4-H Meetings

Protocols for Overnight 4-H Activities

In addition to the protocols listed in this Basic Safety Standards, please see the Overnight 4-H Event Safety Protocols for details on sleeping, activities, and bathroom accommodations.

Mask Exceptions and Exemptions

Because masks are required for all indoor activities, 4-H members and volunteers who may have an illness or condition that limits their ability to wear a face mask may request accommodation or alternate masking options (i.e., face shield with drape) or to participate remotely.

- Inquiries about accommodations/masking alternatives from 4-H Professionals can be directed to Dave Ritz daritz@ucanr.edu or calling 916-230-4374.
- Inquiries about accommodations/masking alternatives from Volunteers should be directed to your local County 4-H professional.

A Note about Masks

Even when mask requirements change, some people may choose to wear a mask all the time or in certain conditions, such as when they are in a crowded room or working closely with others. There are many health or personal reasons why someone may choose to wear a mask. Some may wear a mask because they or loved ones are at higher risk of infection. Some people may wear a mask for a period of time because they were exposed to someone who has COVID. Please don't speculate on other people's vaccination status or why someone is wearing a mask when it is not required.

COVID Testing

Proof of a negative COVID test is required for the following 4-H sponsored events:

- Statewide Events
- In-State Overnight Events
- Out-of-State Travel
In addition to these events, a host location may require proof of a negative COVID test. Please use the following protocols for confirming a negative COVID test.

**Protocols for confirming proof of a negative COVID test**

Maintaining individual privacy and confidentiality is a primary concern.

1. Test must be collected within 48 hours prior to the event.
2. Home tests, with name and date documented, are acceptable.
3. A photo or electronic copy of test results is acceptable proof.
4. Test results will be observed and verified by a pre-determined 4-H staff member or adult volunteer.
5. Copies of test results will not be collected or retained by 4-H.
6. Test results will be verified at entry to the event.
7. The record will reflect that test results were viewed and confirmed for each individual. Records will not be retained by 4-H.
8. Persons with Positive or Inconclusive test results are not allowed to attend 4-H events.

**COVID Vaccination Status**

UC ANR 4-H is **not** requiring proof of vaccination for the events we host, manage and control.

If a host location requires proof of vaccination, the following protocols must be followed:

**Protocols for Confirming COVID Vaccination Status**

1. Vaccination documentation will be a required upload as part of the on-line registration process.
2. Vaccination status will be kept confidential. Access to information will be limited to Nurse/Health Supervisor, Location/Camp Director, and necessary UC ANR staff.
3. Once vaccination information is reviewed and documented, all uploaded vaccination information will be eliminated from the registration files for the event.
4. Additional information can be found at [Risk-Based Guidance for Requiring COVID-19 Vaccination or Negative Test for UC ANR Events/Activities](#)

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