



## Recommendations for addressing un-masked **PARTICIPANTS** at 4-H gatherings

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to providing safe spaces for youth and adults to learn and grow during COVID-19. As such, 4-H mandates the following:

- All 4-H professionals wear a face mask at indoor 4-H gatherings regardless of vaccination status.
- 4-H Members, Volunteers, and parents/guardians are required to follow the California State Health Department masking requirements for the county in which the activity is taking place.
  - Please reference the [CDC COVID](#) data tracker to find the masking requirements for your county.
- Please note at the time of this publication, the State of California has a mandatory [indoor making policy](#) for everyone through February 15, 2022.
- Additional resources can be found at:
  - [https://ucanr.edu/sites/ca4H/COVID\\_Update/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/ca4H/COVID_Update/)

In the event, unmasked individuals attend 4-H gatherings:

1. Begin the gathering by reminding people to mask and share the above information.
  - a. Offer masks to those without masks.
  - b. If they refuse to mask, or mask appropriately by covering the nose and mouth, ask them to leave the gathering.
2. If unmasked attendees refuse to leave the gathering, the facilitating 4-H volunteers should cancel the gathering and dismiss the attendees.
3. The facilitating 4-H volunteers should record who refused to mask and submit those names to the 4-H CES, 4-H Advisor, and UCCE County Director.
4. UCCE professional staff will follow up with the unmasked attendees as a code of conduct violation.
  - a. Future participation in 4-H events will only be permitted if they mask.
5. At subsequent gatherings:
  - a. Consider going back to virtual meetings or offering a hybrid in-person/virtual option.
  - b. Ask 4-H CES, 4-H Advisor, or UCCE County Director to attend the gathering to offer support.
6. If the un-masking behavior continues, UCCE professional staff should contact UC ANR 4-H Youth Development Program Director [Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty](#) AND [Brian Oatman](#), UC ANR Director of Risk and Safety Services for additional resources and support.



## Recommendations for addressing un-masked **FACILITATORS** at 4-H gatherings

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to providing safe spaces for youth and adults to learn and grow during COVID-19. As such, 4-H mandates the following:

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In the event 4-H meeting facilitators are unmasked:

1. Ask the facilitator(s) to please mask.
2. If facilitators refuse to mask, participants should leave the gathering
  - a. People leaving the gathering will not be penalized for leaving the gathering.
3. Participants leaving the gathering due to facilitators not masking should submit the unmasked facilitator names to the 4-H CES, 4-H Advisor, and UCCE County Director.
4. UCCE professional staff will follow up with the unmasked facilitators as a code of conduct violation.
  - a. Future participation in 4-H events will only be permitted if they mask.
5. For subsequent gatherings:
  - a. Request a virtual option be made available for future meetings.
  - b. Ask 4-H CES, 4-H Advisor, or UCCE County Director to attend the gathering to offer support.
6. If the un-masking behavior continues, UCCE professional staff should contact UC ANR 4-H Youth Development Program Director [Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty](#) AND [Brian Oatman](#), UC ANR Director of Risk and Safety Services for additional resources and support.