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RE: California 4-H Operating Standards for Stay at Home Modifications

Dear California 4-H Community,

As you know, Governor Newsome has announced that the State will begin modifying its stay at home order today, Friday, May 8. This is Stage 2 of the State's Resilience Roadmap, which allows some lower-risk workplaces to gradually open with adaptations. As our UC ANR locations span the entire state, some of our counties have already begun the reopening process and many of you have asked about Phase 2 protocols ANR and 4-H will be implementing.

On April 27, 2020, UC ANR Vice President Glenda Humiston sent a communication extending UC ANR's telecommute and limited on-site operations protocols through May 31, 2020 and asked that all meetings/events/gatherings statewide be cancelled, postponed, or conducted online through May 30, 2020. **For the California 4-H Youth Development program, this timeline still stands.**

UC ANR's Emergency Response Team is developing detailed, phased UC ANR Safety Standards for resuming in-person activity. These standards will be applicable to all UC ANR locations and programs including the 4-H Youth Development Program and will be applied in conjunction with individual county health protocols. We hope to have these standards finalized for distribution by the end of next week.

In the meantime, please continue providing 4-H learning, engagement, and socialization experiences virtually until further notice. I sincerely appreciate your ongoing work to ensure 4-H continues to deliver outstanding programming while modeling best practices for health and safety.

With gratitude,

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State 4-H Director