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TO: 4-H Community in San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara Counties

FM: 4-H Office Staff

RE: New Guidelines for Covid-19 *EFFECTIVE 3.12.2022* and Prop 12 Announcements

Please read the attached letter & two important documents from the Director of the UC 4-H Youth Development Program concerning Covid-19 protocols and Prop 12 update. Here are some excerpts to the two documents.

New Covid-19 Guidelines: - Protocols for Indoor and Outdoor Activities

- Masks will no longer be required, regardless of vaccination status. In compliance with [CDPH guidelines](#), masks are recommended for indoor settings, but are not required.
- Individuals CANNOT participate in any in-person activities if they are sick and/or have any COVID-19 symptoms, have COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Social distancing is no longer required (indoors or outdoors).
- Post the [Symptom Survey](#) sign at the location to remind persons of COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home if they are sick, have symptoms, or have been exposed.
- Please maintain an attendance log. This can be used to inform attendees if there is a positive COVID case.
- Make hand sanitizer available. Clean facilities before and after 4-H activities.

For large events over 10,000 please contact the 4-H office for approval and to ensure proper procedures are followed. For overnight or out-of-state events, please contact the 4-H office for approval and to ensure proper procedures are followed.

With this new change face masks will be optional. We understand that every family has a different level of comfort level with the new changes and will respect whatever choices each family makes regarding wearing face masks. If you would like your 4-H'er to wear a mask they may continue to do so. Please speak to them and let them know what your wishes and expectations. Neither 4-H volunteer nor staff will be enforcing mask wearing, this will be up to the 4-Her and their family to make the decision. We also ask that all parents and volunteers speak to their kids about being respectful and kind to one another regardless of what that choice is made in regard to continuing to wear a face masks.



Please remember that we still have families and individuals who may still need to take extra precautions based on their own health or the health of a close family members or friends.

Protocols for Food Service

- Food service is no longer limited to single use items or packaged meals.
- When meals are prepared and served, at least one 4-H volunteer or 4-H professional serving food at the event must complete the [ServSafe training](#). This does not apply to snacks or pre-packaged food items served at 4-H meetings or activities.
- 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](#)

Proposition 12:

Attached you will find the FAQ's from CDFA on Proposition 12 (Animal Care Program). These will be the guidelines for 2022. When utilizing this document and sharing it with your members **please note the following information from the University of California Office of General Counsel:**

"Nothing in this guidance explicitly applies the 4-H exemption to breeders (either as part of a parent / producer operation) or on their own. Whether the CDFA recognizes that the 4-H member might actually be breeding pigs (housing the dam) is unclear. "

As such, guidance on this component is unclear, and members with breeding pigs **should not** assume they are exempt. We will share more information as it becomes available.

These documents are the latest information we have currently.

Regards,
4-H Office Staff
Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties