

North Carolina State Extension

COVID-19 Re-Initiation of Face-to-Face Programming Best Practices Implementation Plan May 18, 2021

Time Line:

Beginning today, May 18, 2021, NC State 4-H may begin operating under the following guidance that is in keeping with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order 215, the CDC, NCDHHS, and NC State University guidelines:

- Previous guidance on facility cleaning, documentation of participation for contact tracing, training of volunteers, and quarantine of symptomatic individuals continues to be in effect until further notice.
- The requirement, that all participants/spectators should have a temperature check prior to entry of the program/event facility, is rescinded. In addition, pre-entry/registration for events is no longer a requirement. *Per Nash County Government, if attending a meeting, program or event at the Nash County Agriculture Center, a Nash County Facility, you are required to have your temperature checked upon entry.*
- All program/event participants/spectators should be asked a set of three questions (see below) prior to entering a facility at which the program/event is to occur. See Addendum A on page 2.

On Friday (05/14/2021), Governor Cooper announced the lifting of all mandatory capacity and gathering limits and social distancing requirements, as well as most mandatory mask requirements indoors and outdoors. However, there is still a mandatory indoor mask requirement when riding on public transportation, in childcare facilities, in schools, in prisons, and in certain public health settings. As a result, the NC 4-H programming guidelines will change as follows:

- Mass Gathering and capacity limits no longer apply to 4-H events or to livestock shows and sales.
- The requirement to video tape livestock shows and sales has been rescinded.

Wearing of Masks and Social Distancing

- Face coverings will no longer be required for outdoor 4-H events, activities, and programs. Face Coverings are however recommended when in crowded, dense, and higher-risk outdoor settings.
- Face coverings are still required indoors. While there is no requirement for social distancing for normal programming activities, youth and adults should maintain 6-feet of social distancing when eating. Previous guidance on providing and serving food is still in effect.
- Masks will no longer be required at either indoor or outdoor livestock shows as long as crowded, dense, and higher-risk outdoor settings can be avoided.

4-H Residential Camps

Because the 4-H Residential Camping Program follows the guidelines of the American Camp Association, protocols for our camps may vary from the Best Practices found here.

Transportation

Beginning immediately and continuing until further notice, in alignment with NC State University guidance, transportation of youth and adults in support of 4-H events is limited to 50-percent of the stated capacity of the vehicle, rounded up.

North Carolina 4-H Spectator/Participant Symptom Screening Checklist April 30, 2021

To protect all participants and spectators attending a 4-H event/program, each participant/spectator should be asked the following questions prior to entering the facility. If the participant/spectator answers yes to any of the following questions, they should be asked to leave the event/program.

1. Have you had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?
 - Yes
 - No

2. In the last 14 days, have you had any of these symptoms?
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New cough
 - New loss of taste or smell

3. In the last 14 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?
 - Yes
 - No

If a worker has been diagnosed with, has symptoms of, or has been exposed to COVID-19, they should go home, stay away from other people, and call their doctor or local health department.

Fully vaccinated people (i.e., at least 2 weeks after getting their second dose in a 2-dose series or one-dose of a single-dose series) with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.