

## North Carolina State Extension 4-H

### COVID-19 Re-Initiation of Face-to-Face Programming Best Practices Implementation Plan June 15, 2021

#### Time Line

Beginning today, June 15, 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, (**Extended to July 30, 2021**), 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that all participants/spectators should have a temperature check prior to entry of the program/event facility, is rescinded.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.
- 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 read 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- The requirement to video tape livestock shows and sales has been rescinded.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 for participants who have not been vaccinated. If the program/event is conducted in a school or child-care facility, masks are still required for everyone.**
- 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.

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## 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

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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.