

## Hello 4-H'ers,

As of December 17, 2020, there are new public health orders from the Government of Saskatchewan, which have come into effect and will be in place until at least January 15. The public health orders are available at:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/december/14/covid-19-update-new-measures-to-further-reduce-transmission-risk?fbclid=IwAR0IAbj36P9XZ00bVKOpTAXtCiBIZByxpwkJCxeTALKddMA5IYCfM7REu8s>



Please read this document to see how the new public health orders will impact your 4-H club. There is important information in the two appendices as well!

## How does this impact my 4-H club?

- The recommendation is to **limit all non-essential gatherings**. If your event or activity can be held virtually or postponed, please make this change.
- The public health order suspending team/group activities does affect several types of 4-H activities. Please see the “Project and Activity Specific Information” appendix for complete details.
- No food or drink may be present or served during any gathering
- **Indoor gatherings in private homes are limited to those who live in the house.** The only exception to this is single people (who live alone) can visit one other home with less than five people in it. No 4-H events should be taking place in private homes or outbuildings.
- **Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people only, provided physical distancing can be maintained.**

## What can my 4-H club do in the meantime?

Below are some suggestions and solutions for moving forward with club activities between December 17 to January 15, or until the Government of Saskatchewan revisits the current public health orders.

1. Continue 4-H activities for your club:
  - If your activities are allowed, continue with SAFE practices. **Please check the “Project and Activity Specific Information” appendix** to learn what activities can be held in-person)
    - Respect the group gathering size limitations
    - Wear your masks and PPE
    - Make sure to social distance
    - No food or drink may be present or supplied, even if it is individually wrapped.
  - Move your programming and meetings virtual.
    - Use video conferencing services, such as Google Hangouts, or social media platforms like Facebook.
    - Remember, even if you have bad internet connection, the provincial office staff can help you connect. Give your regional 4-H specialist a call to discuss virtual meeting solutions that will work for your club.
  - Move to a hybrid model of in-person and virtual or self-directed project work
    - Project leaders can hold an in-person meeting, where they present to the group. This should be lecture/demonstration/meeting style, with members socially distanced, and no hands-on activities.

- Members can then practice at home or complete hands-on project work on their projects afterwards at home.
2. Postpone your club programming until in person restrictions allow gatherings to resume
- If your group would prefer not to meet virtually, take a pause and enjoy the holiday season. This public health order will be revisited on January 15. Restrictions may remain in place in the short-term. Remember, the 4-H year goes until August 31 and there is likely to be plenty of time to complete your in-person activities later.
  - Your club could encourage your individual members to try some of the virtual or independent activities below in the meantime.

Remember, if you need help or suggestions, call your regional 4-H specialist! They are there to support you moving virtual and help you come up with fun ideas for this time.

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