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Dear 4-H Community,

The County of San Luis Obispo has declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the county. By declaring a state of emergency, our local leaders can access emergency funds (if needed). The county is following the Governor's directive that nonessential gatherings be postponed across the state at least until the end of March. The purpose of this directive is to increase social distancing, to protect all people in our communities and, in particular, community members at highest risk of complications from COVID-19.

In alignment with San Luis Obispo County public health guidance, we are implementing social distancing guidance for all in-person meetings for the UC 4-H Program. All meetings and activities should be held remotely if feasible and should be canceled if they cannot be held remotely. Please be prepared for the possibility that this guidance may be continued past the end of March depending on national, state, and local public health recommendations.

Please don't hesitate to call our office with your questions and concerns. I appreciate your dedication to supporting positive programming for the youth in our community. None of us want to postpone or cancel these important programs; however, we recognize the need for taking meaningful measures to keep our communities healthy. I am grateful for our 4-H team, who has been working hard to support our community during this crisis.

~ Katherine

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