



Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

I hope everyone in our 4-H community is doing well, staying healthy and safe at home. As you know in the last few weeks, we have had to make some difficult decisions. Do we host or not host meetings, do we hold events or cancel them? Unfortunately, I am certain we will have to continue to make these tough decisions in the upcoming weeks maybe even months. Thank you for your patience as we work through weighing these decisions. We will do our best to try to communicate our decision to all of you as we move forward with decisions.

We want to inform you all that our UCCE Office for both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties has made the decision to **Suspend/Cancel all In-person (face to face) 4-H Events for the Month of May**. This was not an easy decision but considering the circumstances, for the safety of our 4-H Community and community-at-large, we made this tough decision as a department. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have put in endless hours to host these events. I know it is very frustrating not being able to see your hard work come to fruition. We are grateful for your attempts to offer quality educational activities to our 4-H community. Thank you!

We know some events may have the capability to move their events virtually, for others this may be too much of an undertaking or unrealistic. I will leave it up to the individual event committees to make the decision on whether to cancel all together or coordinate a virtual program. Either decision the committees make will have support from our 4-H office. Please let us know what is decided so that we can continue to help communicate those decisions with the rest of our 4-H community.

At this point, we know both Santa Barbara 4-H Exhibit Day and San Luis Obispo 4-H Field Day have both been cancelled. Please make sure to read our 4-H Newsletter, follow us on Facebook, and read your e-mails to get up-to-date information on upcoming events. If any committees communicate, they will be moving their event virtually it will be communicated through the means mentioned above.

Thank you all for being part of this 4-H community.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Liliana Vega'.

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