

4-H Families, Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers,

We are excited to see spring approaching and COVID numbers dropping! We have program guidance updates, resources to share and an appreciation for each of you.

We appreciate all you have done over the winter months to continue to offer 4-H programs for young people. We know it has been hard and your work has helped support young people across the state!

We saw your enthusiasm and engagement on the annual leader training offered statewide focused on leading, learning and laughing. Thank you to those who joined in, and if you missed it, the recordings can be found [here](#).

### **Program Guidance Update:**

- Events held April 1 - June 1 have new guidance
- Read and talk with your county 4-H Extension professional if you have any questions.
- Continue to submit Extension Program Guidance and Approval checklist with support of Extension staff
- **Read the updated FAQs** with changes effective April 1st. You can find the FAQs [here](#).

### **What is changing April 1?**

1. Number of people who can be at events or programs is increasing
  - 30% of room capacity with a maximum of 50 people allowed indoors
  - 150 people allowed for outdoor programming
2. Pod Size increasing to 20
  - Groups of 20 or fewer can meet together.
    - For example a club or committee with 20 or fewer people
  - If you have 21 or more people you will need to break into groups.
    - For example 34 people at a workshop could meet in a group of 17 and 17 or any combination that is less than 20 per group.
3. Maximum length of indoor events increasing to 4 hours

### **What continues after April 1?**

- Continued Use of Face Coverings
- No Eating Indoors
- Physical Distancing (6 ft between members outside household; 20 ft between pods)
- Hand sanitizing/disinfecting requirements
- When there is more restrictive local guidance we must follow that rather than our guidance.

Again, we'd like to thank each of you for being a part of Wisconsin 4-H. We are hopeful these changes will allow more participation in programs, projects, groups and clubs.

We are working to develop guidance for summer programs starting June 1. We plan to share those updates in April.