The University of Georgia 4-H program has no higher priority than the health and safety of guests and staff members. We continue to follow guidance provided from the University of Georgia (UGA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), and any related Governor’s Executive Order when in place. We recognize that prevention is a key strategy with any virus, such as influenza or this coronavirus, so it is important to protect individuals and also to take measures to protect against spread to others. In response, we provide a summary of the following actions being implemented at 4-H facilities.

**Employees**
- We are communicating to our team of staff members various UGA, CDC, and GDPH recommendations and requirements, including but not limited to:
  - Actively encourage sick employees to stay home
  - Send home immediately any employee who becomes ill at work
  - Emphasize respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, and to avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth
  - Perform routine environmental cleaning

**General Messages to Guests and Visitors**
- We encourage all visiting groups and guests to follow the guidance of GDPH and the CDC regarding monitoring symptoms, encouraging people to stay home when sick, social distancing, and the use of face coverings.
- Additionally, we hope to not have to limit services, offerings, or programs, but we acknowledge that some things may feel different as we continue to navigate the current situation. If you have any questions about an activity, service, or offering, please ask for the current practice.

**Increased Signage**
- Enhanced signage is installed around the facility with a focus on healthy reminders, awareness of COVID symptoms, and extra guidance on hand-washing.

**Available Supplies & Options**
- Acrylic or other barriers have been installed in certain areas to limit the interactions between staff and guests. We are also providing "sanitation stations" at various locations around each facility which include hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for use by guests to disinfect their personal space. Hand soap is also available in restrooms and we encourage all guests to wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.

**Meeting Rooms/Instructional Spaces**
- Meeting rooms and instructional spaces may be modified and/or set at reduced capacity to facilitate social distancing. Room diagrams may be available as examples of modified set ups upon request.

**Response Protocol**
- We are maintaining a supply of an EPA-registered disinfectant (EPA Registration #87742-1, [https://bioesquesolutions.com/botanical-disinfectant-solution/](https://bioesquesolutions.com/botanical-disinfectant-solution/), which is dispensed using an electrostatic sprayer that can be applied preventatively and/or after a known illness.

**Cleaning and Disinfecting**
- In addition to cleaning routines already in place for lodging, meeting spaces, and dining facilities, we are enhancing procedures to include routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces (including but not limited to: tabletops, light switches, door handles and push bars, handrails, vending machines) with EPA-registered products for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Dining Services**
- While we already maintain high standards of excellence in dining facilities, enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices are being implemented. Additionally, some previously provided self-service items may be shifted to being offered by staff to reduce touch points.

**Face Coverings**
- UGA has updated its guidance on face coverings. At this time, face coverings are encouraged when inside buildings.

References:
- University of Georgia: [https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/info.php](https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/info.php)
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