



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
- Self-monitor each day before reporting to work
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, and to avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth
- Perform routine environmental cleaning

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://biosquesolutions.com/botanical-disinfectant-solution/>), which is dispensed using an electrostatic sprayer that can be applied preventatively and/or after a known illness.

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.

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, seating may be modified to enhance social distancing, and some previously provided self-service items may be shifted to being offered by staff to reduce touch points.

Face Coverings & Social Distancing

UGA has updated its guidance on face coverings and social distancing in accordance with the advice provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on May 13, 2021. Fully vaccinated individuals can resume activities without physically distancing or wearing a mask. Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue socially distancing from others when possible and wearing a face covering while inside campus facilities.

References:

- University of Georgia: <https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/info.php>
 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 Georgia Department of Public Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>
 Governor’s Executive Orders: <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders>