



The University of Georgia 4-H program has no higher priority than the health and safety of guests and staff members. We join many others as we closely monitor the developing situation with coronavirus (COVID-19). We 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 by taking temperature each day before reporting to work
- Emphasize respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, and to avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth
- The use of face coverings while inside facilities/buildings
- 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. For example, recreational equipment that cannot be disinfected on a regular basis may be removed. If you have any questions about an activity, service, or offering, please ask for the current practice.

Increased Signage
 We are providing increased signage all around our facilities to include, but not limited to:

- “Wash Your Paws” flyers in restrooms for extra guidance on hand washing (https://www.fcs.uga.edu/docs/WashYourPaws_Poster.pdf)
- CDC flyers with messages about how to stop the spread of germs (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>)
- Markers and/or signs in certain areas to encourage social distancing
- One-way walking routes in certain high traffic areas to promote social distancing
- Face covering requirement for visitors while inside facilities/buildings

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.

Available Supplies & Options
 We are installing acrylic or other barriers in certain areas to limit the interactions between staff and guests. We are 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.

Face Coverings
 UGA requires all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside buildings/facilities where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. Face covering use will be in addition to and is not a substitute for social distancing. Face coverings will not be required when in one’s own lodging room or in outdoor settings where social distancing requirements are met. Reasonable accommodation may be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons. Face coverings for guests are not provided by Georgia 4-H.

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

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>