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Dear Snohomish County 4-H Community,

We don't have a lot of updates for you. The Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is still in effect and 4-H activities have been transitioned to an online format for the duration; but we did want to at least touch base and send you a message that we at the 4-H office are thinking about all of you and hoping you are well.

We also wanted to let you know that we realize it's disappointing for youth who have had cancelled meetings, shows, events, presentations, conferences, competitions, or trips. We know how hard that can be. It takes a tremendous amount of work and energy to prepare for those activities, and to have them cancelled is a very terrible blow. We might not be able to fix that, but we can at least let you know that when we are able to get back to in-person activities, the 4-H faculty and staff will be there to go full steam ahead. 4-H hasn't disappeared during our home time; quite the contrary, we have shown our community how active and creative we can be! And we can assure you that 4-H will be back in-person stronger and more eager than ever once we get through this.

We want to send out a special thank you to all of you who have worked so hard to rise to the challenge of keeping your community safe. Staying home, staying healthy, caring for your neighbors, and supporting your 4-H family virtually has made a world of difference to so many. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

We also want to thank those tireless volunteers who have continued providing valuable positive youth development programming virtually. We know it has been challenging, but you have made it very fun and interesting.

Finally, for those clubs and programs who have struggled to make a transition to virtual formats, we want you to know that is okay. We recognize that this crisis is putting a strain on all of us in different ways. We want you to focus on you, on your family, and make sure you are taking care of yourself. If you would like us to help by scheduling meetings or sending out materials, feel free to shoot us an email. We are here for you, so don't hesitate to let us know if you would like any help or support.

Please, keep up the amazing work. Stay home, stay healthy, and take care of each other. Once we are through this, we'll get back to work in our communities, at our schools, and with our 4-H family.

Until next time!

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