

Iowa 4-H Addendum to Guidance and Expectations for In-person Education and Business

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Iowa 4-H is providing program specific expectations and recommendations that are meant to strengthen and complement ISU and [ISU Extension and Outreach expectations and guidance](#). Please refer to the [Open for Iowa](#) resources and further details. Please also beware of local ordinances that may impact your planning.

In Person Club meetings:

1. Remind participants to stay home if they are sick and follow safety guidelines.
2. It is strongly encouraged that all volunteers and members wear face coverings when unable to maintain six-foot social distance.
3. In-person programming should be limited to a participant capacity that allows for the required physical distancing. For example, if your room capacity is 100, how many participants **should** be in the room to allow for social distancing? A capacity for that room may be as few as 25.
4. To assist with social distancing, club meetings should be limited to members and volunteers actively participating. Parents will grow your group size tremendously in most cases.
5. Clubs should maintain a record of meeting attendees.
6. Do not share supplies (ex. Provide a pair of scissors for each member)
7. Educational activities including food preparation should follow [Open for Iowa](#) recommendations. No samples or sharing. Demonstrations can be done, and individuals can engage with their own demonstration, but food should not be consumed.
8. Food at meeting may NOT be potluck and should be limited to pre-packaged and/or catered food. Please see [Open for Iowa](#) page.
9. It is expected that facilities, have adequate facilities and/or equipment for handwashing/hand sanitizers.
10. The willingness of 4-H youth and families to participate in an in-person event may vary. *Continue to provide online educational options along with in-person, such as zoom or phone in, to allow more participation.*

Field trips & Overnight events:

1. Clubs and counties may engage in learning opportunities that include a field trip.
2. Youth and families should NOT carpool (please see [Open for Iowa](#)), have families travel separately to the trip location.



3. Field trip location must provide social distancing options and all participants should continue to follow In-person club meeting guidance. Please submit field trip plans to your local Extension Office for approval. Be aware of local ordinances at trip location.
4. Currently, overnight activities do not allow for proper safety procedures and are NOT allowed. Any exceptions need to be approved by the State 4-H Office.
5. Out of State travel is allowed if trip meets field trip and overnight guidance listed.

Clover Kid Guidance

In-Person Clover Kids

1. To support schools with mitigation efforts, meet with Clover Kids in cohorts from the same community or elementary school.
2. Meet with Clover Kids in a space that allows for social distancing, utilize outdoor space when possible.
3. Due to the developmental stages of our K-3 members, we recommend providing visual boundaries to support social distancing. This could be done by arranging individual tables 6 feet apart or taping off space for each participant.
4. Provide each participant with their own activity supplies.
5. When possible, offer opportunities for Clover Kids to be physically active while maintaining social distancing.

Distance Learning and Virtual Programming

1. Offer “grab and go” activities utilizing resources developed over the spring and summer.
2. Pair “grab and go” activities with optional virtual check-in times to allow Clover Kids to share what they created and learned during the activity.
3. When appropriate, Clover Kids clubs can convene virtually. Virtual meetings for K-3 members should be limited to 20-30 minutes.

