

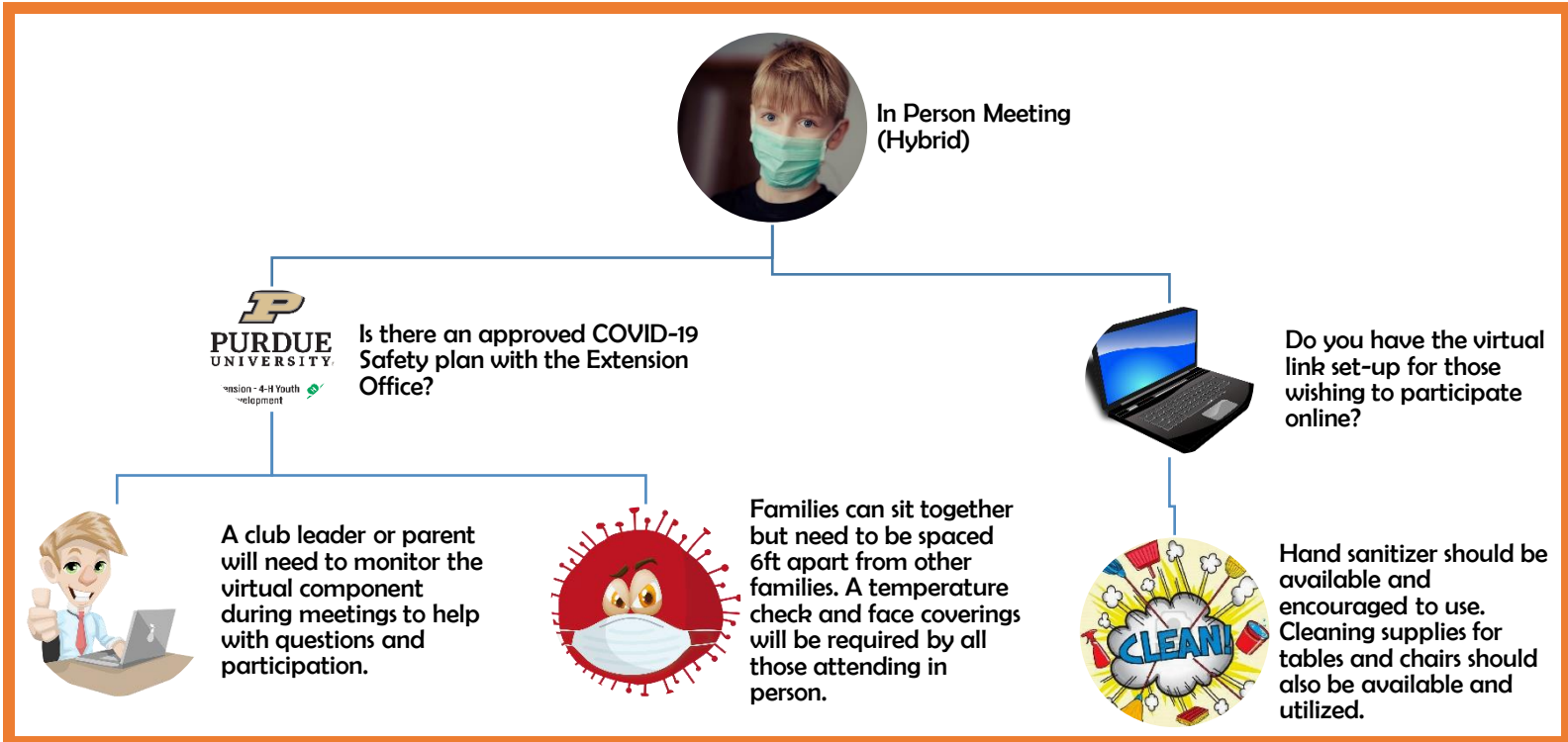
"Social Distancing Club"

4-H Meetings in a Pandemic



When can my club meet?

- Is your club hosting in person or only online meetings?



- Virtual only clubs will need to set-up a link through the Extension Office or utilize their own virtual platform that is usable and friendly to everyone



How do we have a meeting with social distancing?

- Officers can still sit at the front of the meeting but will need to maintain social distancing
- It may be best to only have the president and secretary at the front and have other officers' stand in their areas to give their reports
- Hands on activities such as crafts, projects and other events can still happen with a few modifications
 - Make sure each family unit has their own kit or supplies
 - Handouts should not be touched by everyone in the room but given out by one person to everyone (that person must sanitize before and after or use gloves)
- We want to make sure that our families aren't congregating in groups after meetings the best we can



How do we have a successful club meeting virtually?

- Make sure youth are running the virtual meetings just like in person with the guidance of the club leaders
- Everyone should have a copy of the agenda, minutes and any handouts prior to the meeting via email- they can also be shared on the screen during the meeting
- Hands on activities such as crafts, projects and other events can still happen with a few modifications
 - Make sure each family unit knows what supplies to gather before the meeting
 - If you are making kits for families to pick-up this can happen on your “porch pick-up” or at the Extension Office
- We want to make sure that our families are still having a good time and getting all the information they need from our meetings



How do we handle refreshments at an in person meeting?

- There are a few ways to handle refreshments at an in person meeting
 - You could not offer refreshments during the new COVID-19 guidelines
 - Refreshments can be store bought or homemade
 - All drinks and food must be pre-packaged.
 - Example: Juice Boxes and Oatmeal Cream Pies or Mini Waters and Homemade Brownies in Individual Zip Lock Baggies
 - All drinks and food should be handed out or “served” by one person so everyone is not reaching into the same container
- We would recommend youth take the refreshments home with them and enjoy them on their ride home so they are not all around each other without masks



What will recreation and song look like at an in person meeting?

- Recreation at in person meetings
 - Remember youth should try to avoid sharing materials or touching each other
 - If you have a game where they will be sharing a “monkey knot” or ball please remind them to not touch their face before using hand sanitizer or even better washing their hands with soap and water in the restroom
 - Let your recreation leader be creative- youth have so many great ideas
- Song at an in person meeting
 - Singing is something that shouldn’t be happening in groups of people
 - Song leaders could play music on their devices or give youth a song to try at home



As 4-H Volunteers and Extension Staff, we are here to give our youth the safest educational experiences we can through our clubs, workshops, events and more! We should not be projecting our personal thoughts and beliefs on youth and families in regards to COVID-19 but rather staying positive and trying to keep our youth and families lives as “normal” as possible. Remember to utilize your Extension Office for resources and questions.