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Hello Colorado 4-H Agents, 4-H Shooting Sports Members, Families, & Volunteers,

Unfortunately, the presence of Covid-19 in Colorado has had a severe impact on many of our communities and areas resulting in many 4-H program restrictions and cancellations. Over the past few months the Colorado State 4-H Office has given much thought and consideration to the existing circumstances regarding the multiple effects of COVID-19 limitations on face to face programming related to 4-H Shooting Sports. Therefore, it is with great sadness that I share with you that after much consideration, discussion and deliberation, the decision has been made to cancel the 2020 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships that was scheduled to occur over the weekends of August 22-23 & September 5-6.

The Colorado State 4-H Office, Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships Superintendents will be working to identify possible alternate avenues to engage 4-H youth in State 4-H Shooting Sports contests. Potential options being discussed include possible mail in or postal match formats that would potentially take place over a span of later dates this fall and could be conducted at the County level while adhering to state and local COVID-19 protocols.

Items that include but are not limited to, contest formats, rules, courses of fire, scoring, etc. may be modified as deemed appropriate for potential alternate contest formats by State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships Superintendents. All tentative contest rules, courses of fire, formats, etc. must be approved by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist and State 4-H Program Director.

More information and details will be shared with County Extension Offices, 4-H Agents, members, families and volunteers as it becomes available over the next several weeks. Please be patient as we begin to work through this process and keep in mind that the health and safety of Colorado 4-H youth, families and volunteers are of highest priority when making tough decisions such as the cancellation of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.

I have no doubt that the resiliency of 4-H Agents, members, families and volunteers will serve as a true asset as we explore alternative ways to conduct our state contests. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of those that participate in the Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports program and I know that we will all work through this challenging time with understanding and optimism.

Regards,

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