



Frequently Asked Questions Return to In-Person Activities

Q	How will Participant Agreement forms work with online registration?
A	As we move closer to the launch of the permanent online registration system, the process for how Participant Agreement Form information is handled will be developed and shared out. For now, we ask for your patience.
Q	In regard to State of Emergency Policy, will existing virtual clubs be allowed to complete?
A	Yes. We applaud 4-H'ers who have adapted the 4-H programming to virtual means in the last few months during a difficult situation. Any 2020 projects that are run virtually will be allowed to complete.
Q	Can virtual clubs continue to be offered?
A	Virtual clubs in 2020 can continue to be offered. 4-H Ontario will be reviewing the possibility for future virtual club offerings. More information will be available come late fall.
Q	If a youth registered, however due to poor or expensive internet did not attend any further meetings, are they able to get a refund?
A	Concerns like this will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Refunds are intended for youth who did not sign up for a club or participate in any way.
Q	How does an association know if a current border hopper requests and receives a refund?
A	We trust that everyone will do their best to monitor this situation and that 4-H'ers will be honest and fair when requesting refunds.
Q	Overall, what is the feeling across the province of returning to in-person programming?
A	There is a mix of feelings, many people are eager to reconvene in-person activities and some don't anticipate returning to in-person activities this year.
Q	With in person programming resuming will the requirement of 6 members remain in place?
A	6 participants as a minimum is ideal for youth to have the best experience. However, we realize that may be challenging and would review based on individual circumstances. We know there are clubs offering a 'hybrid' of virtual and in-person activities to allow those youth who do not wish to or are not able to attend in-person the opportunity to participate. It is important to remember that it is voluntary to return to in-person activities. If you have any questions, please contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marianne Fallis (Senior Manager, Programming) programming@4-hontario.ca • Evelyn Chambers (Senior Manager, Volunteers and Community Engagement) volunteers@4-hontario.ca
Q	What is the required Youth Supervision ratio for in person and virtual meetings and activities?
A	The 'Rule of Two' must be followed at every 4-H sanctioned event, whether in-person or virtual. Youth supervision ratios build upon the 'Rule of Two'. For day-time, low risk activities and Zoom break out groups, the supervision ratios are as follows: Cloverbuds- 2:10 4-H Members (9+)- 2:30 Senior 4-H Members - 2:40 <i>Volunteers are encouraged to reference Policy B-CE-10 Youth Safety Policy of the 4-H Ontario Policy Manual the 4-H Ontario Policy Manual /www.4-hontario.ca/volunteers/policies.aspx.</i>
Q	What is meant by groups of ten? Is this the total number of members and volunteers that can meet?
A	The requirement for groups of ten references the maximum size of a group for social distancing purposes. If a 4-H club has 20 youth (plus volunteers), the group will need to divide into two and maintain social distancing requirements. The two groups must maintain in line of sight to each other and stay together for the duration of the in-person activity for contact tracing purposes.
Q	Are the Return to In Person Activity Forms meant to be per club or per meeting?
A	The Return to In-Person Activity form is to be completed for the club. When completing the form, volunteers will be required to list all planned activities for the duration of the project. If plans change, a revised activity form must be submitted.
Q	If 4-H Ontario liability doesn't extend to cover COVID 19, what is the board and leader liability risk?
A	The Assumption of Risk and Waiver Form is intended to limit the ability to recover damages against 4-H Ontario. It is important that when planning and carrying out in-person activities due diligence is demonstrated including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhering to the 4-H Canada Code of Conduct, • All 4-H policies (local, provincial and national) and • Requirements of the local public health agency and municipality. This is imperative in all situations and activities regardless of the insurance coverage.



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Q	Is the Assumption of Risk waiver specific to COVID 19? If so, why do some of the clauses (i.e. Clause 3) do not say COVID 19?
A	Yes the waiver is in relation to COVID 19. However, clause 3 states there are no grounds for action against 4-H if youth or volunteers contract any illness while attending 4-H activities and transmit it to others.
Q	In the Assumption of Risk waiver, what is meant by 'Neither myself nor my children traveled to a highly impacted areas within Canada in the last 14 days, and I agree that neither my children(ren) nor I will participate in any further 4-H programming if we have traveled to a highly impacted area with Canada within 14 days of 4-H programming?'
A	A highly impacted area relates to anyone coming from outside the province where there have been travel restrictions to and from specific provinces. If someone has travelled to and from another province of high impact those individuals should be screened to ensure they have followed quarantine requirements.
Q	Does the return to in-person meetings have to be completed 14 business days before every meeting or just the initial 14 business days before start up of the club? Do all meetings have to be planned well in advance with meeting details?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Ontario requires one form to be completed and submitted a minimum of 14 business days prior to the proposed start up of the club. • This form must contain details of the activities planned including all locations of where the activity(ies) will take place. • 4-H Ontario will respond within 14 business days either approving the plan or asking for further details.
Q	How will Associations know what 4-H participants (youth and volunteers) have submitted waivers?
A	4-H Associations are not required to track this information. The 4-H Family must bring the printed confirmation or show it on their phone or device and the club leaders should ask for it upon arrival.
Q	Can 4-H youth work with project animals on another farm?
A	This discussion needs to happen between the youth, parents and the owners of the farm before visiting. Each party needs to be comfortable with the visit and must be respectful of decisions to decline. If visiting farms to work with project animals, 4-H youth and parents will need to be compliant of local public health regulations and health and safety requirements established by the premise owner.
Q	What information is required when completing the Return to In-Person 4-H Activities?
A	When completing the Return to In Person 4-H Activities form make sure to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location description and address • Is this activity being held indoors or out? • What activities are planned for each meeting/event • How will social distancing be addressed? 4-H Ontario requires one form per club. Please include all details on all club meetings being planned (farm tours, Achievement Days etc.) On one form. (Additional pages may be added to provide for inclusion of all details.)
Q	Can one Return to In-Person form be submitted covering both meetings and an achievement day plan?
A	Yes, please submit the complete package listing all club events and activity details a minimum of 14 business days before
Q	For those without internet is there another waiver release option - print/sign/scan/email in?
A	The Assumption of Risk Waiver form must be completed electronically for tracking purposes and to receive the confirmation email. The waiver can be completed using any type of 'smart device (phone, tablet) or computer. If the 4-H participant does not have access to a device, we ask 4-H volunteers to assist with accessing the waiver (and where required for multiple clubs), printing the form using their own devices before the start of a club activity.
Q	The Assumption of Risk Waiver-Clause 9 addresses international travel, this includes the United States. If the parent of a 4-H youth is an essential worker and regularly crosses the border, will this preclude the youth from participating in in person 4-H activities?
A	Youth whose parents are essential workers and make regular border crossings are still eligible to participate in in-person activities as long as the parent and/or youth are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. For reference check out: http://cantruck.ca/category/covid-19/ .