

UF/IFAS Extension Coronavirus Response Phase 3 Plan

Phasing In Process

The phase of local County Extension programs is dictated by the phase of the total County Extension office. County office resumption of operations is guided by local county policies/ordinances and agreed upon by the County Extension Director, the District Extension Director, and county government administration.

Phase 1: No face-to-face programs. Virtual programs are allowed.

Phase 2: One-on-one appointments are allowed. No face-to-face group programs. Virtual programs are allowed and encouraged.

Phase 3: The current UF policy states that the next phase for all UF facilities will begin August 1, 2020. However, based on your specific county policies, the next phase (Phase 3) has already started for some. A plan for all educational programs including 4-H is described in Phase 3. Due to certain measure and restriction, your county situation may not allow for implementation of all or parts of the Phase 3 plan. Virtual programs are encouraged as the primary method to conduct educational activities.

The following Phase 3 guidelines apply to all university-owned, occupied, or controlled lands and buildings. A county extension office and its environs are considered university-occupied.

Approval to host face-to-face programs with more than 10 people may now be requested. Instructions on how to request approval to host such programs is shown at the end of this document. Approval will only be provided if appropriate safety measures are followed as dictated in this document's "Protocol for All Programs" section. For example, face coverings (for those more than 2 years old) are required at all UF/IFAS Extension in-person events, indoors and outdoors, regardless of group size, until further notice. Also, social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) must be maintained, and groups should be no larger than the following:

Indoors: The total number of people for indoor events must be one half of the capacity of the facility as determined by the state Fire Marshall, must not exceed 50 and must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from one another. Therefore, the actual capacity may limit enrollment below 50.

If you have a large indoor venue, you may operate it at up to 50% of capacity while complying with the face covering and social distancing requirements. Depending on the venue layout and space available to ensure the minimum prescribed physical distancing requirement, the maximum attendance could be less than 50% of building capacity.

Outdoors: 250 people maximum, but venue managers have the latitude to set lower maximum attendance capacities for their venues.

Transportation: UF/IFAS Extension programs will not organize transportation to events during Phase 3. All UF/IFAS Extension vehicles must be sanitized after each use. All county-owned vehicles should follow county guidelines for sanitization after each use.

Phase 4: Face-to-face programs allowable; no social distancing required; face coverings TBD.