



STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL

Global Citizenship & Cultural Immersion Programming for 4-H Age Youth

Dear States' 4-H Community:

Due to evolving international health conditions and out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our community, States' 4-H and its international partners have made the difficult decision to cancel all short-term overseas and in-USA programs this coming summer. Our year-long high school hosting program is proceeding as planned.

We understand that this news will be incredibly disappointing to our students and host families. Traveling abroad or welcoming an international visitor into your home is a life-changing experience that creates lasting memories. The generosity of our host families and the adventurous spirit of our overseas travelers fills us with joy and inspiration each summer. We recognize that these program cancellations represent months of planning, saving, and dreaming for our participants. But the health, safety, and well-being of our community must come first.

Now more than ever, we see the need for international cooperation and understanding. States' 4-H is continuing to develop our international programs and we are looking forward to coming back stronger in 2021! We look forward to you joining us. Please continue to check our website (www.states4hexchange.org) and follow our Instagram and Facebook accounts for program updates and news.

We would like to direct all of our program participants to the [Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) and [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int) (WHO) guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to keep yourself and those around you safe.

We appreciate your continued support and wish you all good health during these challenging times.

Best wishes,

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs