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Dear Stanislaus County community:

As you all know, national, state, and local agencies have been implementing various measures to reduce the rate and risk of community spread of COVID-19. We wanted to update you on protective measures being taken by UC ANR, including this office. All UC Agriculture and Natural Resources county offices, research and extension centers and statewide programs are implementing telecommute protocols. As of Friday, March 20, all UC ANR employees have been working remotely. This includes our Farm Advisors who work closely with growers and other agriculture clientele, UC Master Gardeners, the Nutrition, Food and Consumer Science program, and 4-H.

Being mindful of official guidance concerning social distancing, many Cooperative Extension functions, events, activities, meetings, etc. have been cancelled through the end of April. This directive also includes all volunteer-led youth or adult programming, meetings, or gatherings.

During this telecommute status, **we want to emphasize that we are still working and available to assist.** Call our number at 525-6800 and we will direct you to the appropriate person. Critical research projects are being maintained and program delivery is taking place online. There is no impact on your ability to connect with us by email or phone.

We will be monitoring COVID-19 developments closely and will continue to communicate any changes to our operations. If you have any questions or issues regarding potentially impacted meetings, events, research, programs, etc., please check our website at cestanislaus.ucanr.edu or drop us an email. We are here and available to assist you during this uncertain period.

Sincerely,

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