

## **Cooperative Extension/San Joaquin County**

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Dear UCCE San Joaquin 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. Many California counties, businesses, and school districts have implemented remote working protocols and a number of California counties have issued shelter in place orders.

We wanted to update you on protective measures being taken by the UC ANR including this office. This week, all UC Agriculture and Natural Resources county offices, research and extension centers and statewide programs are implementing telecommute protocols. By Friday, March 20, all UC ANR employees will be working remotely, with the exception of designated essential on-site staff/academics. This class of employees working remotely applies to our Farm Advisors who work closely with growers and other agriculture clientele in San Joaquin County.

Being mindful of official guidance concerning social distancing, many SJC Cooperative Extension functions, events, activities, meetings, etc. have been cancelled through April 8th. 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 our partners and stakeholders across the County. Critical research projects are being maintained and program delivery is taking place online. There is no impact to your ability to connect with us by email or cell phone. We will work to find solutions to support our clientele throughout any possible scenario that the virus may bring.

We know that every organization we serve is facing unprecedented challenges at this time. 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 contact the appropriate advisor (see attached list). We are here and available to assist you during this uncertain period.

Sincerely, Brent A. Holtz, Ph.D. Director & Farm Advisor UCCE San Joaquin County 2101 E. Earhart Ave. Ste. 200 Stockton, CA. 95206 baholtz@ucanr.edu

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