



## CRAFTS... CAMERA... ACTION!

*Your 2025 Junior Grange Oceanic Adventure Awaits!*

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Ahoy, Grangers! The 2025 Junior Grange Program Book has just dropped anchor, and it's loaded with treasure! This year, we're not just dipping our toes in the water - we're diving headfirst into the deep end of creativity and fun. And speaking of diving, have you heard? We're literally taking this show on the road... er, ocean! The National Convention is setting sail on the Carnival Horizon cruise ship bound for the Caribbean. That's right - Junior Grange is going nautical!

With the convention being held at sea for the first time in Grange history, the entire program has transformed to embrace this maritime adventure. The most significant evolution is the shift to all-digital submissions for every contest. No more packing fragile wreaths like they're rare artifacts! No more crossing your fingers that the postal service treats your masterpiece with the reverence it deserves! Now everything from art entries to community service reports can be submitted with a few clicks to [nationaljuniorgrange@gmail.com](mailto:nationaljuniorgrange@gmail.com). Your Junior's creativity can sail smoothly from

their hands to our judges without ever leaving dry land!

This digital transformation means Junior Grangers from Maine to California, Washington to Florida, and everywhere in between can join the fun with just a camera click and email send! Whether you're planning to cruise with us or participate from your hometown, everyone can showcase their talents in the national spotlight. No more worrying about shells breaking or wreaths getting crushed in transit - just snap a photo and hit send! It's the most accessible our contests have ever been - no shipping required!

### Crafting Up a Storm!

Speaking of seashells - have you seen our new craft contests? We're going full nautical this year, and we need your Junior Grangers' creative hands on deck!

Warning: Side effects of participating in this year's Junior Grange Program may include: uncontrollable creativity, excessive knowledge about water conservation, newfound public speaking confidence, and an urge to collect seashells at inappropriate times. Parents should be prepared for temporary takeovers of kitchen tables by craft supplies and random facts about ocean farming at the dinner table.

Our Ocean Farm Discovery Wreath

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# JUNIOR PROGRAM

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Contest lets kids transform ordinary shells and seaweed into extraordinary oceanic showcases. Think of it as underwater farming meets Martha Stewart! One part educational project, one part home décor – these wreaths might just be the perfect blend of learning and crafting. Plus, who can resist the opportunity to legitimately collect “craft supplies” during your next beach vacation?

The Ocean Placemat Contest turns mealtime into marine education. Winning designs will become downloadable placemats during our cruise convention. Imagine the bragging rights when your Junior’s artwork adorns dinner tables sailing through the Caribbean! “Oh, that placemat? Just a little something my child designed that’s now CRUISING THE HIGH SEAS.” Casual vacation flex achieved.

And for those who march to the beat of their own underwater drummer, the Creative Art: Open Category provides free artistic rein to explore connections between water and agriculture. Watercolors for a water theme? Perfectly on-the-nose! Clay sculptures of irrigation systems? Why not! The creative possibilities are as vast as the ocean itself.

## Building Life Skills Through Signature Contests

Our Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking contests aren’t just competitions – they’re confidence factories with lifetime warranties!

Watch as formerly shy Juniors transform into poised communicators before your eyes. The impact of these competitions extends far beyond childhood. Former Junior Grangers regularly report that these experiences became the foundation for success in school presentations, job interviews, and leadership roles. Some have even confessed they can now order at restaurants without breaking into a cold sweat – now that’s progress!

With digital submission now available, participation has never been easier. Junior Grangers can record their performances at state competitions, with winners advancing to the national contest. Stage fright in front of a camera is much less intimidating than a live audience – though we can’t promise pets won’t judge your performance from the sidelines.

## Ocean Theme Makes a Splash

This year’s agricultural awareness theme, “Water - as it relates to Agriculture,” perfectly complements our nautical convention setting. Junior Grangers will discover which crops are the “water hogs” of the plant world and which are more like desert camels. They’ll explore water efficiency techniques that would make a water conservation engineer proud. Who knew agriculture could involve so much splashing around?

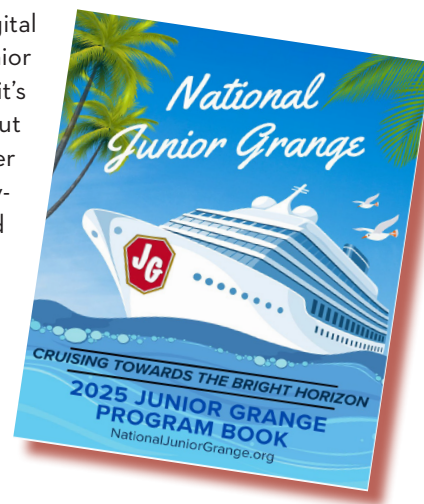
And what better way to dive deeper into this watery theme than through our writing competition...

Our Creative Writing Contest challenges Junior Grangers to explain “HOW/WHY IS WATER IMPORTANT TO AGRICULTURE IN YOUR AREA.” But let’s be honest - getting kids to willingly write essays can be like trying to convince cats to take swimming lessons!

## Foolproof Motivation Tactics for Junior Leaders:

1. Tell them this might be the only homework that could earn Caribbean bragging rights. “Oh, my essay? It’s currently cruising international waters.”
2. Remind them that writing about water conservation is basically saving the planet from a desk chair. Superhero work without the cape wedgies!
3. “You know how you’re always telling me I’m wrong about everything? Here’s your chance to be the expert and tell ME how agriculture and water work!”
4. When all else fails, bribe them with a cookie! (*Just kidding... mostly. We didn’t tell you that.*)

With this year’s digital submission, your Junior Grangers can edit until it’s perfect - no crossed-out paragraphs, no eraser holes, no dog-ate-my-essay disasters! And with age-appropriate guidelines, everyone from our 5-year-old future journalists to our 14-year-old budding novelists can make a splash in this literary adventure.



Remember, Shakespeare never wrote about agricultural water conservation. Your Junior Grangers could be pioneering an entirely new literary genre!

## Service Learning: Getting Delightfully Dirty for a Good Cause

Our 2025 service initiative focuses on coastal clean-up projects. Junior Grangers will identify local waterways needing attention and implement meaningful clean-up efforts. It’s the perfect opportunity to make a difference while getting gloriously muddy in the process – environmental education meets childhood puddle-jumping dreams!

The community service projects represent a core pillar of the Junior Grange experience. When children see how their efforts directly improve their community, it often creates a lifelong commitment to service. Plus, there’s something deeply satisfying about counting trash bags filled as a measure of accomplishment!

To encourage broader participation, we’ve adjusted the **Cape of Honor** service recognition tiers. The White tier now starts at just 10 hours – about the time it takes to binge-watch a season of your favorite show, but infinitely more rewarding.

## Charting Your Course for 2025

Mark your calendars now! Most entries require submission by September 1, 2025, giving plenty of time for quality craft-

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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2025 NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION



The National Grange is thrilled to announce that **registration is officially open** for the 159th Annual National Grange Convention, setting sail aboard the luxurious *Carnival Horizon* from November 8-16! This year's convention promises to be a one-of-a-kind experience, combining time-honored tradition with the excitement of a cruise to Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao.

Registration fees (\$50 for adults 14+ and \$25 for Junior members age 5-14) include access to all official National Grange convention programming and onboard activities specifically tailored for Grange members and their families, including our exclusive sail-away party. Attendees will also enjoy networking opportunities, workshops, and youth and Junior Grange programming, all set

against the backdrop of the open sea.

Registrants also have the option to purchase limited-edition National Grange Convention “swag!” These special merchandise items include commemorative shirts, tumblers, tote bags, and beach towels—perfect for showing off your Grange pride throughout the voyage and back home. Swag items will be delivered at check-in aboard the ship.

Whether you're a long-time delegate or a first-time attendee, the 159th Convention offers a chance to connect, celebrate, and chart the future of the Grange—all while enjoying the amenities of a world-class cruise ship.

Don't miss the boat! Visit <http://www.nationalgrange.org/159ngconvention> to register today and be part of this unique and unforgettable gathering.

While you're on the website, also check out limited pre-cruise room blocks at a hotel in Miami and two hotels in Fort Lauderdale - don't delay in reserving your rooms at our special rates.

If you haven't booked your stateroom yet, there's still time to join us - and remember, this cruise isn't just for Grange members. We encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to join us as we take the Grange to high seas.



Convention swag items offered by the Eastern region include a tote bag, beach towel, t-shirt, and insulated tumbler. Photos by Molly Newman





# NATIONAL GRANGE

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## *View from the Hill*



### NATIONAL GRANGE POLICY UPDATES & ISSUE NEWS

May 2025

#### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

##### Farm bill charts new territory

The House Agriculture Committee is working to include parts of the farm bill funding into the fiscal 2025 budget reconciliation process. That's a break from tradition, whereby the farm bill is normally adopted as an all-inclusive package. The strategy here is to rearrange funding priorities and budget cuts and include these in a massive must-pass legislative package that only requires a simple majority vote. The 2025 budget resolution passed by the House and Senate in April requires the Ag Committee to come up with \$230 billion in net spending cuts over 10 years. The Ag Committee proposes to cut \$290 billion from nutrition assistance (SNAP) and use some of those savings to increase spending on commodity programs, crop insurance, and several other farm bill programs. Funding farm programs by cutting SNAP benefits risks rupturing an urban-rural coalition that long has been seen as crucial to enacting farm bills. Committee leadership says that by tightening SNAP provisions, adding additional work requirements, and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse, those truly in need will receive assistance.

##### Court orders agencies to pause actions

A northern California federal judge has ordered the Agriculture Department and 20 other federal agencies to temporarily halt downsizing and reorganizing efforts. The judge found that a mix of unions, professional groups, and trade organizations is likely to succeed on their claim that President Trump went beyond his authority in issuing an executive order to reform the federal workforce without first getting approval from Congress.

##### Live animal imports suspended at southern border

The USDA has halted live cattle, bison, and horse imports through U.S. ports of entry along the southern border due to the continued northward spread of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Mexico. Over the past two years, screwworm has spread north through Panama and into Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, and now Mexico. NWS fly larvae burrow into the flesh of livestock, pets, wildlife, and other animals and cause serious and often deadly damage to the animal.

#### HEALTHCARE

##### Health care spending reductions underway

The House Energy and Commerce Committee completed working on their mandate to find \$880 billion in health care spending reductions for the budget reconciliation process. The bill, unfortunately, targets Medicaid for the majority of healthcare spending cuts, at \$715 billion. The nonpartisan Congressional

Budget Office (CBO) estimates there may be as much as \$200 billion of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicaid program. Still, the \$715 billion is a serious development for the 12 million residents of rural areas. In rural America, about half the children are on Medicaid, the population is seriously underinsured, and rural hospitals are closing. The National Rural Health Association, whose hospitals and clinics serve as the provider of last resort for rural patients, predicts cuts of this magnitude will force rural facilities to reduce or cut service lines or close their doors completely. Rural long-term care facilities will also be seriously impacted by such massive cuts. The National Grange is mounting an aggressive campaign to substantially reduce the level of Medicaid spending cuts.

##### Rural healthcare relies on pharmacies

Pharmacies are more accessible to rural residents than doctors and clinics. For those living in rural areas, the pharmacy is often the first and only stop they make for critical health services. The bipartisan Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act would provide payment under Medicare Part B to ensure pharmacists can protect seniors from the threat of influenza, RSV, COVID, and other common infectious diseases. National Grange joined over 50 patient, health care, and disease groups to urge Congress to pass this legislation.

##### The need to target women's health

H.R. 1672, the MINI Act, would advance research and investment in genetically targeted technology for rare, complex and hard-to-treat conditions that disproportionately impact women. The National Grange, 30 patient advocacy groups and other stakeholders sent a letter to the Hill urging Congress to pass the MINI Act.

##### Make decisions on COVID-19 vaccine early

The National Grange filed comments with FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee to request that the selection of the 2025-2026 formula for COVID-19 vaccines be made early, and supplies be made available to dispense with other respiratory vaccines. Grange cited the example of the huge success of the vaccination rates at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E, late September-early October), where flu and COVID vaccines are offered at the New England Grange Building. It is also important that residents of remote rural areas be able to receive all their respiratory immunizations with one trip to the provider.

## TAXES

### Tax package passes House committee

The House Ways and Means Committee has passed its tax bill that will be rolled into the budget reconciliation package once all committees have completed their reconciliation instructions. It includes a mixture of tax extensions, tax cuts, new tax measures and revenue raisers.

Key provisions enacted include:

- Makes the 2017 tax cuts permanent
- Increases the standard deduction for individuals
- Increases the child tax credit
- No taxes on tips and overtime
- Increases and makes permanent the estate and gift tax exemption
- Restores 100% bonus depreciation on property placed in service prior to 2030
- Extends the \$10,000 cap on state and local taxes deductions

The bill's provisions are subject to change as it moves through the legislative process

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### Grange continues to champion last-mile WiFi

National Grange President Chris Hamp penned an op-ed about connecting remote areas to broadband service, which received wide readership in the Washington-based Agri-Pulse newsletter, entitled "We Need the Entire Toolbox to Connect Rural Communities." She highlighted the expansion of low-Earth orbit (LEO) communications satellites, which make satellite broadband more feasible for remote area connectivity. National Grange policy is technology-neutral regarding Wi-Fi delivery, meaning that the technology that is most cost-efficient, delivery-effective, and adaptable to the area should be used.

### VIEW FROM THE HILL

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## OF INTEREST...

### Highway Trust Fund needs funding equity

The National Grange and the Agriculture Transportation Working Group sent a letter to Congress to remind members of challenges that could lead to insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) within a few years. Although Congress established the HTF as a "user pays" system, not all highway users are contributing equitably. Electric vehicles do not contribute to the federal fuel tax because they are exempt from it. Hybrid vehicles, while subject to fuel tax on the gasoline they consume, contribute less than traditional internal combustion vehicles. The working group urged Congress to include language in the upcoming budget reconciliation package that ensures all vehicle users, regardless of fuel type or technology, contribute equitably to the upkeep and improvement of our roads and bridges..

## PERSPECTIVES

*"Adversity introduces a man to himself."*

- Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist

*"The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor a man perfected without trials."*

- Chinese proverb

*"When everything seems to be going against you, remember the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."*

- Henry Ford, American industrialist and business magnate

*"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."*

- Robert F. Kennedy, former U.S. Attorney General

*"Difficulties strengthen the mind as labor does the body."*

- Seneca, ancient Roman philosopher and satirist

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."*

- Winston Churchill, British statesman

& Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1940-45, 1951-55)

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDERS FOR STATE LEADERS

by Bonnie Mitson & Randee Farmer

National Grange Community Service Co-Directors



The National Grange Community Service Department wants to remind you about changes to the departmental contests and events. With the summer upon us already, deadlines will soon be approaching - so start working now.

- This year's books or reports for Community Service can be judged on the state level and will not be submitted to, or judged, on the national level. Please use any format that works best for your state.
- In order for your State Grange to receive \$250 from National Grange, 25% of your state's Community Granges must report Community Service participation. Your State Grange Community Service Director or President must fill out a report and send to [communityservice@grange.org](mailto:communityservice@grange.org). For convenience, a [fillable form](#) is located on the [National Grange webpage](#) under Community Service, which will automatically submit your report to the Community Service Co-Directors.

- We will provide electronic certificates to be used in presentations to celebrate Community Granges. These will be emailed to the State in accordance with the information provided on the State Form by the State Director or President.
- If any Grange has a project from this year and are willing to share the "how-to's" for success, National Grange wants to hear from you! Please fill out and submit the "[Share Your Project's Story](#)" form found on the National Grange webpage under Community Service.

*Thank you to Mica Flats Grange, Idaho, for sharing the details of their recent Easter Egg Hunt. This information will be shared with other Granges to help with their planning, should they want to hold a similar event in the future. Great project details - we appreciate you sharing with others.*

Best wishes to all as you continue the good works of community service the remainder of this Grange year and start planning forward to next year's possibilities. Congratulations on your commitment to communities.

We look forward in the coming months to receiving the State Grange Community Service Forms and "Share Your Project's Story" forms from Community Granges.

Should you have questions, please contact us at [communityservice@grange.org](mailto:communityservice@grange.org).

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creating, speech-perfecting, and sign-language-mastering. Start early, and you might just avoid that traditional late-August craft store panic run (we've all been there).

The 2025 Junior Grange program isn't just about contests and awards - it's about creating meaningful experiences, building essential skills, and making memories that will last long after our cruise ship returns to port. By embracing these opportunities, we prepare our

Junior Grangers not just for a successful convention, but for successful futures as engaged citizens and confident leaders.

So batten down the hatches, stock up on craft supplies, and prepare for a year of extraordinary adventures with your Junior Grange! The 2025 Program Book awaits, and this journey promises to be unforgettable. All aboard the S.S. Creativity - no seasickness guaranteed!

For complete contest rules, submission guidelines, and program details, consult the 2025 Junior Grange Program Book available at [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org).

Questions can be sent to Rebekah Hodgson, Junior Director, at [junior@nationalgrange.org](mailto:junior@nationalgrange.org).



# WHY SUPPORTING U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS MATTERS

*Courtesy of StatePoint*

**Military Appreciation Month**, celebrated in May, is the perfect time to show service members they are valued and appreciated for the sacrifices they make every day.

According to advocates, individual actions, no matter how big or small, strengthen service members in the challenges they face each day, showing them they matter to the people they protect.

Military Appreciation Month was designated by Congress in 1999. Although the entire month of May is dedicated to honoring past and present military members and their families, there are several holidays throughout the month that honor specific service members and other members of the military community, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9, Mother's Day on May 11, Armed Forces Day on May 17 and Memorial Day on May 26.

Every May, Military Appreciation Month reminds us of the men and women who serve in our military. While there often are public events, real appreciation is deeper—it's about understanding, connection and action. Less than 1% of Americans serve in the military, and they take on unique challenges from which all Americans benefit.

Since 1941, the USO has been the leading nonprofit dedicated to



strengthening the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their families. The USO goes where service members go throughout their time in uniform and beyond, providing support through a wide range of programs, including care packages, entertainment, military spouse and youth programming and a canine program.

Given their decades of expertise on the subject, the USO is offering Americans ideas for how to best celebrate the people who serve during Military Appreciation Month:

**Send a Message of Support:** The USO is collecting 2 million messages of support this year to honor the more than 2 million people serving in the U.S. military and their families. Send a message now at [USO.org/2MillionMessages](https://USO.org/2MillionMessages).

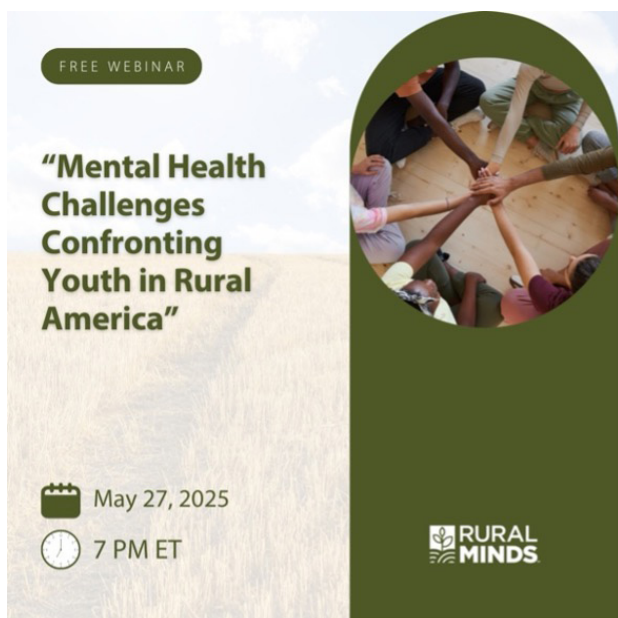
## **Show Your Support With a USO T-Shirt:**

The USO's annual t-shirt campaign, launching in late April, is a way to show support for service members and the USO's programs. To order a t-shirt, visit [USO.org](https://USO.org).

**Become a USO volunteer:** More than 20,000 USO volunteers contributed 1.2 million hours last year. Whether you're welcoming service members and their families at the airport, assembling care packages, or offering a helping hand at a USO location or event, your time and involvement can make a lasting impact on service members and their families. To learn more and sign up to volunteer, visit [uso.org/volunteer](https://uso.org/volunteer).

This Military Appreciation Month, consider discovering the many hands-on ways you can show your support and gratitude for U.S. service members all year long.

# REGISTER FOR SPECIAL WEBINAR ON MENTAL HEALTH AMONG YOUTH IN RURAL AMERICA



[Rural Minds](#) & the National Grange will present the webinar "Mental Health Challenges Confronting Youth in Rural America" on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00pm ET / 4:00pm PT.**

There is a mental health emergency in rural America that puts youth, teens, and young adults at a higher risk for mental health challenges and suicide based on the following facts:

Compared with their urban counterparts, rural Americans have higher depression and suicide rates but are less likely to access mental health care services.

According to the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), suicide rates among people living in rural areas are 64 to 68 percent higher than those in large urban areas.

The rate of suicide among teens and young adults in the U.S. has increased over the last decade.

Youth living in rural areas are at greater risk of suicide than those living in urban areas.

Suicide rates are growing at a faster pace among rural youth.

While about 64% of all U.S. counties have at least one mental health facility serving youth, only about 30% of highly rural counties have such facilities.

This one-hour webinar will feature Dr. Eric Arzubi, CEO and Co-Founder of Frontier Psychiatry in Billings MT. He

will speak about his observations as a psychiatrist treating adolescents living in rural communities throughout Montana.

The presentation will also feature Grange member Asheton Medlin sharing her personal experience with stigma surrounding mental illness and barriers to mental health that are unique to growing up in a rural community. In addition, Adriel McMahan, Rural Minds' lead on the Rural Teen & Young Adult Mental Health pilot program, will provide an update on the initiative and plans for the program's national launch. The presentation will conclude with a moderated Q&A session.

The webinar will be moderated by Rural Minds Vice President of Communications Julie Lux and presented live via Zoom with the option to hear audio as listen-only.

Register by visiting: <https://www.ruralminds.org/rural-mental-health-connections-webinar>

*To honor the confidentiality and privacy of those attending this webinar, attendees will only be able to see the webinar presenters and no one watching the webinar will be able to see the name or image of any other person who is watching the webinar.*

## DON'T LET COVID-19 SPOIL YOUR SUMMER

Did you know that older adults (65+) and individuals who are moderately or severely immunocompromised are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19?

The good news? You can reduce your risk of severe illness by receiving recommended vaccines. Because protection from COVID-19 vaccines wanes over time, it is recommended that high-risk individuals receive another dose of the 2024-25 COVID-19 vaccine six months after their first dose. This includes anyone who is immuno-compromised, as well as adults 65 years and older.

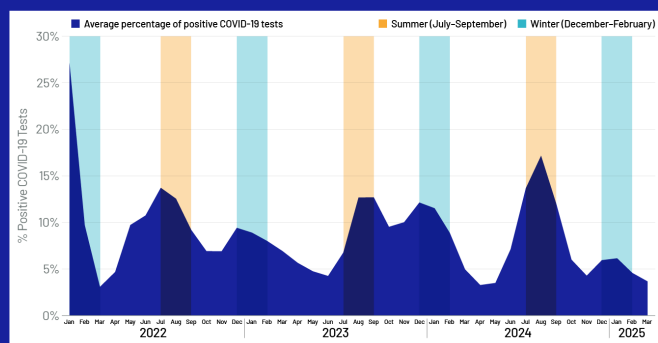
While COVID-19 cases often increase during the winter, history shows that surges can happen any time of year. With travel, large gatherings, and events on the rise this time of year, it's important to remember COVID-19 is a year-round threat.

As a CVEEP partner, we are excited to share new Stay Updated campaign resources on the importance of getting another dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine for high-risk groups.

Visit [cveep.org/stayprotected](https://cveep.org/stayprotected) to read more about vaccine recommendations and how to stay protected all year long.

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# USDA SERVES UP FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUMMER COOKOUT

*Courtesy of the USDA*

As friends and families get ready to kick off summer by firing up the grill and serving foods at a cookout, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Food Safety and Inspection Service](#) (FSIS) shares some tips to keep your celebrations safe.

"Food safety is a year-round priority, but it's especially important during summer months when we're cooking outdoors and handling food in warmer temperatures," said FSIS Administrator Dr. Denise Eblen. "We have simple but effective steps that can keep you and your family safe while enjoying those outdoor meals."

Here are some key recommendations.

## Clean Your Grill:

- Grill surfaces should be washed with soap and water. Ensure old residue is scraped off.
- If you don't have access to a faucet, carry bottled water, soap and paper towels.
- After washing, start your grill and allow the heat to kill any remaining bacteria before cooking.

## Prevent Cross-Contamination:

- Pack raw meats in sealed containers at the bottom of the cooler to prevent juices from contaminating other items.
- When grilling, use separate plates, cutting boards, and utensils for raw and cooked foods.
- Never place cooked food on plates that held raw meat, poultry or seafood.

## Cook to Safe Temperatures:

- Remember that color is not a reliable indicator of doneness.
- Use a food thermometer to ensure foods reach a safe minimum internal temperature:
  - Beef, pork, lamb, and veal steaks, chops and roasts: 145 F

- Seafood (fish and shellfish): 145 F
- Ground beef, pork, lamb and veal: 160 F
- Poultry (whole and ground): 165 F

## Avoid the Danger Zone:

- The bacteria that can cause foodborne illness grow between 40 F and 140 F – also known as the Danger Zone.
- If you plan to keep perishable foods on the table for more than two hours (or one hour in temperatures above 90 F), keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to avoid the [Danger Zone](#).
  - Keep hot foods heated at or above 140 F with chafing dishes or preheated grill.
  - Keep cold foods chilled at or below 40 F by placing them on bowls of ice or keeping them inside a cooler near the picnic table.

For more information about food safety, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or email [MPHotline@usda.gov](mailto:MPHotline@usda.gov).



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