



March 12th, 2020

Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers and Supporters:

As you may be aware, The Ohio State University has announced the suspension of face-to-face instruction and the move to virtual instruction effective immediately through March 31. Events deemed nonessential are postponed between now and April 20, 2020. There will be evaluation whether they should continue in person beyond this time. Our primary concern is for the health and safety of all our people. Virtual meetings are encouraged.

Based on these guidelines, all 4-H Clubs must postpone/cancel all face-to-face meetings between now and April 20th.

In addition to all 4-H club meetings, the following list of 4-H events qualify as non-essential between now and April 20. Based on these guidelines, these non-essential activities must be postponed/ cancelled/ or held virtually. Examples include (this list is not exhaustive and subject to change at any notice):

- 4-H committees, including advisory, saddle horse, endowment, etc.
- Club kick-offs, open houses, etc.
- Community service projects
- Educational clinics
- Events put on by advisory or county committees or clubs, including fundraisers
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- Social events (egg hunts, square dances)
- Teen leader groups
- NOTE: Senior Fair Board will need to make the determination for fair-related committees.

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of viral illnesses is to minimize the circumstances in which individuals might interact and transmit the diseases. The safety of our community is our top priority. We realize that our COVID-19 policy guidelines will cause disruption, but the risk of not acting outweighs the inconvenience of these temporary measures. We will share updates as more information becomes available.

Please see the attached changes regarding the Lawrence County 4-H program over the next 4 weeks and closely watch your e-mail for news and updates. The best way to reach me is by calling 740-533-4322 or e-mailing Fraleay.171@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

Rachael Fraley



Lawrence County 4-H, March 12 – April 20, Plan of Action

As of 3/12/2020

Lawrence County 4-H Enrollment Deadline: March 15th, 11:59pm, via online oh.4honline.com. Paper enrollments will be accepted at our office through 4:00pm, Monday, March 16th. Lawrence County 4-H Enrollment Changes and Additions will be accepted until March 31st.

- Market Chicken Order and Payment, Across County Lines, Alternate Housing forms are also due to our office by 4:00pm, Monday.

4-H & Livestock Committee Meetings: Meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM conference on March 19th, 4-H Committee at 6:00pm, Livestock Committee at 7:00pm. All committee members will receive connection correspondence. If other parents or advisors would like to connect, please e-mail for information.

Lawrence County 4-H Horse Program: The committee will be having a ZOOM conference on March 26th to discuss 4-H Horse Safety Training, QA, and the Horse Clinic. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Teen Leaders (Jr. Fairboard): The April 6th meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM conference. All members will be provided with connection information and discussions will be continued via text as needed.

Camp Counselors: Rachael will be in contact with camp counselors regarding upcoming trainings.

Cloverbud Discovery Days: All Lawrence County 4-H Cloverbud Discovery programming has been postponed until the previously scheduled April 27th event.

Clover Clinic: The April 6th Lawrence County Clover Clinic event has been cancelled. We are working to provide virtual educational resources surrounding the project areas, officer trainings, etc. The Beginner Quality Assurance will now be club based only.

Quality Assurance: Lawrence County 4-H Quality Assurance Trained Advisors are now responsible for providing Quality Assurance Training to their club members, including the 8 – 11 year olds. These trainings must be held after April 20th. The deadline to complete Quality Assurance Training has been extended to May 15th.

- **Quality Assurance Test Out:** Test out options, for 4-H age 12 and up, scheduled for March 19th and April 6th have been cancelled. Please contact our office after April 20th to set up a test-out appointment.
- **On-line YQCA:** <http://yqca.learnrow.io/account/login>. Exhibitors must be 12 years or older and complete the on-line module for their 4-H age. On-line test out will not be accepted. The cost is \$12.00. Members must use their 4honline login. All enrolled 4-H members already have a login, do not create new. Need help? The Extension Office can provide you with your personal log-in information. Please print your completion document to provide to the Extension Office.



Dog Obedience: Due to the project requirements, the Lawrence County 4-H Dog Obedience training is on hold. You may want to look at other 4-H Projects as an option for the 2020 year; if making additions or changes, deadline is March 31. We will be in contact with Lawrence County 4-H Dog Obedience enrolled youth once final decision has been made.

Market Lamb, Goat, and Hog Tag In: Tag-In is still scheduled as planned for April 25th from 8:00 – 10:00am.

** As more information becomes available, the above information is subject to change. We appreciate your patience and willingness to continue “making the best better”. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have! We are all in this together 😊 **