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3/18/2020

Hello 4-H Families,

I again say thank you for your understanding of this rapidly changing situation. **Effective as of 4:00pm today, 3/18 our office will be closed until further notice.** We will be teleworking and available during normal business hours. Governor DeWine recently issued a state of emergency and implemented a variety of strategies to reduce the spread of the disease COVID-19. In order to do our part in reducing risk to our employees or clientele, we have implemented a teleworking plan.

OSU Extension Offices will be closed to the public until further notice. While our offices will be physically closed, we are committed to continuing to conduct our work as fully as possible. We will utilize all our teleworking capabilities to continue serving our clientele and communities. You should continue to feel free to call, email, etc. with any OSU Extension staff member as you normally would. OSU Extension staff is deeply committed to the health and well-being of its staff and doing our part to help slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will remain available during our normal business hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. You can contact through the following ways.

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At this time, this information is on our blog, Facebook and website. Additionally, starting tomorrow, I will be posting all email updates in the 4-HOnline system as Newsletters. I will post the previous emails and any future there in that way. When you log-in to your account you will see those posted there. Be on the lookout for another 4-H update tomorrow.

Yours in 4-H!

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To our 4-H Families:

Last week was quite a week with changes coming quickly and this week looks to be no different. Thank you for your patience with your county 4-H staff, the state 4-H office and OSU Extension. I know you have many questions:

- When can we have club meetings?
- Will there be summer camp?
- Should we invest in projects?
- What about fair?

The answer is at this point, we just don't know. It is all changing rapidly. But what we do know for sure is that we're committed to doing our part to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. We also know that when we choose to act together, we can have incredible positive impacts.

The actions we've taken so far are in alignment with necessary precautions recommended by the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Ohio Department of Health. These are in place to help keep us all from getting, or unintentionally spreading, this virus.

To help clarify, we are asking that ALL 4-H events, programs, and activities scheduled between now and April 1st be held virtually, postponed, or canceled.

For our livestock project members and families, Ohio 4-H and the Ohio Department of Agriculture discussed some changes for this year that will help mitigate the effects the coronavirus is having on holding in-person programming. For livestock quality assurance (QA) for the 2020 year only:

- QA must still be completed before the opening day of exhibition. This means if you are exhibiting at State Fair, the June 1 deadline is no longer applicable. Our July 1st deadline is still in effect for 2020. We will adjust this as needed as things change. Currently, we have a PQA scheduled for April 24th and a general QA for May 26th.
- Youth livestock exhibitors (8-18) may opt to take the online YQCA certification.
 - Youth who decide to do the online option can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for \$12: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>
 - Youth will need their 4HOnline login and password or they can create their own login and password. Our preference is you use your 4HOnline login information because then it updates directly into the system.



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In the coming days, we'll post updates on our social media pages (Facebook and Blog) and website. We'll also include links to resources that you and your children can use. And we'll do what we can to keep you updated as we learn new information.

Please remember if you have not enrolled yourself, enrollments are due by April 1st! Please go to <http://oh.4honline.com> to enroll. If you need help, please go to <http://go.osu.edu/enrollmenthelp> for assistance. Currently, our office is still open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call at 937-378-6716 if you need help.

We are keeping an updated running list of any cancellations on our website here: <https://brown.osu.edu/news/covid-19-updatescancellations-brown-county>

We are also updating information on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BrownCo4H/> and trying to post all relevant information on our blog: <https://u.osu.edu/browncounty/>

Organizational advisers, I hope to send out an additional email today with information for you. Please be on the lookout for that email.

Yours in 4-H!

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