



March 12, 2020

Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers and Supporters:

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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 30. Events deemed nonessential between now and April 20 are subject to review, to evaluate whether they should continue in person.

Based on these guidelines, Ohio 4-H has decided that many of the 4-H activities we conduct at the county level also need to be cancelled or postponed, effective immediately. This includes club and committee meetings, clinics, fundraisers, in-school and after-school programs, and more. 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 read through the following date changes and mark your calendar accordingly. In addition, you can refer to the 4-H App or the 4-H website for the calendar.

Schedule changes for the next 4 weeks:

- The [March 12th](#) 4-H Dog Project Orientation has been CANCELLED. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- The [March 16th](#) Medina County 4-H Horse Council Meeting has been CANCELLED. The next in-person meeting will be [May 18th](#). Virtual meetings can be arranged if desired.
- The [March 16th](#) Medina County 4-H Endowment Meeting has been CANCELLED.
- The [March 17th](#) Hippology Meeting has been CANCELLED. The next in-person meeting will be [May 5th](#). Virtual meetings can be arranged if desired.
- The [March 23rd](#) Jr. Leaders Meeting has been CANCELLED.
- The [April 2nd](#) Quality Assurance Training has been CANCELLED. A rescheduled date will be announced soon.
- The [April 7th](#) Dog Agility Assessment has been CANCELLED. A rescheduled date will be announced soon.
- The [April 15th](#) Deadline for Enrollment, Photo Identification, Permission to Participate, Project Changes and Applications will remain. Items can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off to the Extension Office.

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Sincerely,

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