

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATES

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(Information is subject to change based on updates from University Administration, State, and Federal Authorities)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AND OHIO 4-H's RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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 the end of the semester. 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 using tools like Facebook Live, Google Hangouts, Zoom, WebEx, etc. 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 20th. Based on these guidelines, these non-essential activities must be postponed, cancelled, or held virtually. Examples include (this list is not exhaustive and is 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

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 note – the April 1st 4-H Enrollment and Activity Fee Deadline remains in place for all returning families – youth and volunteers. New youth members and new adult volunteer applicants needing additional help with enrollment will be accepted through June 1st. Enrollment must be completed online in 4-HOnline. Activity fee payments may be submitted to your club's organizational advisor or mailed or brought into the Extension Office. All project changes within a project area must also be completed by June 1st.



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The Extension Office Has Project Books

With schools being closed for the next three plus weeks – now is a great time for youth to get started on their 4-H projects. The Extension Office has most project books, resource books, and record books in stock. At this time the Extension Office remains open and individuals are welcome to stop in and purchase books directly from the Extension Office or you may order them online at the following website: <https://extensionpubs.osu.edu/>.

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please read through the following schedule changes and mark your calendar accordingly.

- March 11th – Quality Assurance at Norwayne High School – (re-scheduled to May 6th)
- March 14th – Ohio 4-H Conference – Cancelled
- March 14th – Ohio 4-H Plowboy Prom – Cancelled
- March 16th – Junior Fair Board meeting – (changed to a Zoom* virtual meeting instead of in-person)
- March 19th – Junior Camp Counselor Training – Cancelled
- March 23rd – Poultry / Rabbit Committee – (re-scheduled to Zoom* virtual meeting on April 27th)
- March 25th – New Volunteer Training – (re-scheduled to April 22nd)
- March 26th – Wayne County 4-H Legacy Dinner – (postponed – new date to be announced soon)
- March 28th – OSU Jr. Swine Day – Cancelled
- March 30th – CARTEENS Class – Cancelled
- March 31st – 4-H Online Enrollment In-Person Help Session – Cancelled
- March 31st – Quality Assurance – Cancelled
- April 1st – Swine Committee – (Zoom* virtual meeting instead of in-person)
- April 2nd – Cloverbud Counselors Training – Cancelled
- April 2nd – Junior Camp Counselors Training – Cancelled
- April 4th – Beef Clinic – Cancelled
- April 5th – Wooster Spring Spectacular Steer Show – Cancelled
- April 6th – Sheep Committee – (Zoom* virtual meeting instead of in-person)
- April 6th – Junior Leaders – Cancelled
- April 7th – Junior Camp Counselor Training – will go on as planned at this time
- April 8th – Club Officers Training – Cancelled
- April 8th – New Volunteer Training – Cancelled – We are working on adding an online / virtual option
- April 13th – Clothing Pattern Selection Night at JOANN Fabric – Cancelled
- April 13th – 4-H Advisory Committee – Cancelled
- April 13th – Junior Fair Board Officers – (Zoom* virtual meeting instead of in-person)
- April 14th – Goat Committee – (Zoom* virtual meeting instead of in-person)
- April 14th – Food and Fashion Board – Cancelled
- April 15th – Quality Assurance at Smithville High School – will go on as planned at this time
- April 18th – Ohio 4-H Youth Poultry Clinic – Cancelled
- April 20th – Junior Fair Board – will go on as planned at this time

* = *Instructions for accessing Zoom virtual meetings will be emailed to participants.*

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