

***Email via 4HOnline March 18***

To our Tuscarawas County 4-H Families:

It has been quite a whirlwind the past week with changes coming quickly. Thank you for your patience with the 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 corona virus. 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 the 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 20 be held virtually, postponed, or cancelled.

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 corona virus 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. The 45-day prior to the opening of the exhibition requirement will not be enforced.
- Youth livestock exhibitors (8-18) may take the online YQCA certification. More information will be shared later on this option.



In the coming days, we'll post updates on our Facebook pages 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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.