

Email via 4-H Online sent January 15, 2021

Hello T-County Advisors!

Thank you so much for your continued patience as we move into 2021 with a lot of unknowns. Beginning Saturday, January 16, the ban on in-person 4-H activities will be lifted and we will return to following the same rules as before (limit of 50 people, wearing masks, social distancing, no banquets/potlucks, etc.).

We have been slowly and cautiously planning to get the new 4-H year started and since it does not look like the ban will be extended for now, we're going to proceed forward with annual advisor training.

We are planning for both in-person AND virtual options for advisor training this year. You must register for the session you plan to attend. We cannot have more than 50 people at each in-person session and this includes presenters.

In-person options are:

- Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 1 at 6:20 p.m. or
- Saturday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Virtual options are:

- Saturday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. OR
- Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

*It is required that at least one advisor per club attend a session but strongly recommended that everyone participate so you're all updated as much as possible and receive your annual 1.50 training for the year.

Please use this link to sign up for the session you plan to attend:

<https://go.osu.edu/tuscadvisorupdate2021>

Livestock Quality Assurance Training Update

For now, we are only going to be holding virtual QA sessions since we can't have more than 50 people at a time (including parents) so that would take a TON of sessions to get through all of our members. We are also trying something a little different this year and will be holding QA sessions by specie.

QA Sessions will be held VIRTUALLY on these dates:

- Beef – Monday, January 25, 6:30 PM
- Swine Option 1 – Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 PM



- Swine Option 2 – Monday, February 22, 6:30 PM
- Sheep/Goat – Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 PM
- Rabbit/Poultry – Monday, April 12, 6:30 PM
- Dairy – Sunday, April 18, 2:00 PM
- All Species (catch-all) – Thursday, April 29, 6:30 PM
- All Species (catch-all) – Thursday, May 6, 6:30 PM

YQCA is still an option for those who want to pay the \$12 fee and complete QA at their own convenience. After completion, the member should email me their certificate.

You will find the links for the QA signups and more information here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa>

Adding New Advisors to Your Club?

If you are adding a new advisor this year, please contact me so they can receive their new advisor application. It is in electronic format this year and will be emailed to them. I have not yet set any New 4-H Volunteer Orientations. I will do that in the coming weeks. If someone is stepping down as an advisor, please let me know as well.

More information and updates to come at the advisor trainings!

Be well!
Kiersten