



LICKING COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

As of April 10, 2020 (12:00 p.m.)

As we continue to monitor the spread and impacts of COVID-19 within Ohio, additional schedule changes have been needed, on a rolling basis. On April 8th, it was announced that due to ongoing health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision has been made to cancel all Ohio State University Extension in-person programming through July 6th. This includes all 4-H programs, activities, and events. Additionally, we've made the very difficult decision to cancel all 4-H camps thru August 31st. Although in-person programming is cancelled, we will continue to offer virtual 4-H experiences. With this extension in guidelines, we wanted to address a few specific topics and events that you may have thought about – or have had questions! As we learn more, we will continue to pass along updates... We promise! Stay home and stay well!

COMPREHENSIVE LIST 2020 SCHEDULE CHANGES & CONFIRMATIONS APRIL 10th – MAY – JUNE – JULY 7th

— GENERAL

- The Licking County 4-H Enrollment deadline will continue to be Friday, May 1st.
- 4-H Club Meetings – All face-to-face club meetings are CANCELLED through July 6th.
 - Advisors are EXPECTED to hold meetings virtually, if they have the means, in order to discuss important matters. (i.e. Facebook live, Zoom, Skype, conference calls, etc.)
 - If help is needed in doing this, please reach out to Lisa and Adrienne for assistance!
- All skillathon kit reservations are cancelled, until the Extension Office re-opens...

— 4-H CARTEENS

- CARTEENS Program (May 7) – CANCELLED
- CARTEENS Program (June 4) – TBA

— 4-H COMMITTEE

- 4-H Committee Meeting (May 14) – Will be held virtually...
- 4-H Committee Meeting (June 11) – Will be held virtually...

— CAMPING | CAMP COUNSELOR PROGRAMING

- Camp Counselor Training (April 14) – Will be held virtually...
- 4-H Camp Ohio Camp Counselor Workshop (April 17-18) – CANCELLED

- Camp Counselor Training (April 29) – CANCELLED
 - 4-H Mini-Camp (May 8-9) – CANCELLED
 - Camp Counselor Training (May 12) – Will be held virtually...
 - Cloverbud Day Camp (June 6) – CANCELLED
 - Camp Counselor training (June 9) – Will be held virtually...
 - Licking County 4-H Summer Camp (June 13-17) – CANCELLED
 - Camp Counselor Evaluation Meeting (June 18) - CANCELLED
- **DAIRY | DAIRY FEEDER**
- Dairy Feeder Calf Weigh-In (June 6) – Continue as planned...
- **FOOD | CLOTHING | SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECTS**
- Food & Clothing Project Workshop (May 6) – CANCELLED
 - Project Judging Workshop (June 20) – CANCELLED
 - Dairy Foods Contest (June 24) – CANCELLED
 - Early Project Judging Day (June 26) – CANCELLED
 - 4-H Project Judging Day (July 7) – POSTPONED/TBA
- **GOAT**
- Market Goat Tagging (June 6) – Continue as planned...
- **HORSE**
- Horse & Pony Council Meeting (April 13) – Will be held virtually...
 - Connection details will be sent to those advisors working with horse projects. If you are new to working with horse projects, and do not already receive Horse Council meeting notices, please contact Lisa.
 - Spring Horse Clinic (May 2) – CANCELLED
 - Horse ID / PAS Form Walk-In Submission (May 8) – Walk-In submission CANCELLED (still due 5/15 by mail)
 - Horse & Pony Council Meeting (May 11) – Will be held virtually...
 - Horse ID / PAS Form Submission Deadline (May 15) – Submit by mail...
 - Horse & Pony Council Meeting (June 8) – Will be held virtually...
 - Licking County 4-H June Shows (June 12-14) – CANCELLED
 - Beeson Outstanding Horse Project Award Application Deadline (June 19) – Submit by mail...
 - Licking County PAS – State Fair Qualifying Show (June 20) - CANCELLED
- **JUNIOR | SENIOR FAIR BOARD**
- Junior / Senior Fair Board Meetings (April 20) – Will be held virtually...
 - Junior / Senior Fair Board Meetings (May 18) – Will be held virtually...
 - Junior / Senior Fair Board Meetings (June 15) – Will be held virtually...
 - Junior Fair Board Fun Night (June 26) - CANCELLED
- **OTHER**
- Farmer’s Share Breakfast (May 16) – CANCELLED
 - County 4-H Communications Interest Entry Form (June 1) – POSTPONED/TBA

— **QUALITY ASSURANCE | HORSE SAFETY & ETHICS**

- Quality Assurance / Horse Safety & Ethics Training (April 23) – CANCELLED
- Quality Assurance / Horse Safety & Ethics Training (May 4) – CANCELLED
- Quality Assurance / Horse Safety & Ethics Training (May 9) – CANCELLED
- Quality Assurance / Horse Safety & Ethics Training (21) – CANCELLED

— **RABBIT & POULTRY**

- Rabbit & Poultry Fun Show (April 25) – CANCELLED
- Rabbit & Poultry Committee Meeting (April 28) – Will be held virtually...
- Hartford Fair Meat Chicken / Duck Pool Order Deadline (May 1) – Submit by mail...
- Hartford Fair Bred & Raised Market Doe ID Form Due to Fairgrounds (May 2) – Submit by mail...
- Rabbit & Poultry Committee Meeting (May 26) – Will be held virtually...
- Rabbit & Poultry Committee Meeting (June 30) – Will be held virtually...

— **ROYALTY | SCHOLARSHIPS** (all applications have been updated and re-posted to the website)

- Lamb Royalty Interviews / Selection (April 16) – Applicants will be contacted with details
- Horse Royalty Application Deadline (April 21) – Submit by mail...
 - Horse Royalty Interviews (June 2) – POSTPONED/TBA
- Shooting Sports Ambassador Application Deadline (May 1) – Submit by mail...
 - Shooting Sports Ambassador Interviews (May 12) – Will be held virtually...
 - Contestants will be contacted with details.
- Family & Consumer Sciences Royalty Application Deadline (May 1) – Submit by mail...
- Dairy Committee Educational Scholarship Application Deadline (May 1) – Submit by mail...
- Goat Royalty Application Deadline (May 6) – Submit by mail...
 - Goat Royalty Interviews (May 19) – POSTPONED/TBA
- Pork Royalty Application Deadline (May 13) – Submit by mail...
 - Pork Royalty Interviews / Selection (May 20) – Will be held virtually...
 - Contestants will be contacted with details.
- Poultry Royalty Application Deadline (May 22) – Submit by mail...
 - Poultry Royalty Interviews (May 29) – POSTPONED/TBA
- Rabbit Royalty Application Deadline (May 27) – Submit by mail...
 - Rabbit Royalty Interviews (May 31) – Will be held virtually...
- 4-H Horse Council Scholarship Application Deadline (May 29) – Submit by mail...
- Dog Royalty Application Deadline (June 5) – Submit by mail...
 - Dog Royalty Interviews (June 23) – Will be held virtually...

— **SHEEP**

- Licking County Lamb Banquet (April 16) – CANCELLED
- Licking County Lamb Pool Application Deadline (May 9) – Submit by mail...
- Licking County Lamb Pool Selection (May 24) – Will continue as planned...
- Market Lamb Tagging (June 6) – Continue as planned...
- Licking County Market Lamb & Breeding Sheep Show (June 6) - CANCELLED

— SHOOTING SPORTS

- State Shooting Sports Leader Training Weekend (April 24-26) – CANCELLED
- 750-Series Projects: While range time is not possible right now, members are encouraged to choose a topic of interest within their project, conduct area of study, and prepare presentation or educational information to share with others – see Instructor for assistance in setting project goals.
 - We do hope that range time will be possible after July 6th, and continuing in to the fall, so that your project progression can continue.

— SWINE

- Hog ID Forms Due to Fairgrounds (June 15) – Submit by mail / email...

...ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST...

— PROJECT BOOKS

- Free Downloads
 - Want to dig in to a 4-H project that's a good match for staying at home? See our collection of [Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects](https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects) on the Ohio 4-H website at <https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects>. When a copy opens on your screen, you can save or print it from there. Stay at home and stay healthy, 4-H'ers! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility.)
- Ordering Online
 - ...we're on hold, for a short time longer! Details should be available in the next few days (a relative term) regarding how to purchase project books online. They are trying to setup coupon codes that can be used by Ohio 4-H families, to provide a discount close to the discount that is given when families purchase their project books through their local Extension Office (keep in mind that Ohio's project books are ordered by many states). Difficulties were encountered with processing the codes, and they are trying to work that out prior to providing the ordering information. As soon as we have that information, WE PROMISE to pass it along to ALL of you! We know that many of you are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to purchase project books – and we're anxious to get them to you...

— CAMPING PROGRAMS

- While we are not permitted to hold camping programs through August 31, for the safety of all involved, we have reserved dates at 4-H Camp Ohio this fall, so that we might offer a scaled-back camping experience for our members. As we get closer to August, we will release additional details about the schedule and pricing, but for now – MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Licking County 4-H Camp – Fall Edition – September 11-13, 2020.

— QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

- QA Training will be made available to all 4-H and FFA members in Licking County through at least three formats. Families should consider the below options, and look forward to receiving details on registration within the next week or so...
 - OPTION #1: YQCA Online Training
 - This is a national program comprised of learning modules that must be completed online, and requires a fee of \$12. A coupon code is being made available during month of April, which will discount fees to \$9 per member. Open to youth only – not 4-H / FFA advisors. Details to come later.
 - OPTION #2: Online Test-Out
 - This option allows members age 12 and older to register for an online test, which would allow them to test-out of QA training. For youth ages 12-14, the test would cover them for only one year. Youth ages 14 and older would test-out for the remainder of their 4-H/FFA career (multi-year certification). Members would register for a test-out session, and be allowed to attempt the test only one time. Should they not pass the test, they would be required to complete one of the other training options. Instructions will come later.
 - OPTION #3: Zoom Training Session
 - This option would allow members and advisors to register to attend an online Zoom meeting, during which QA training materials would be presented. Sessions would be SPECIES-based, with multiple sessions available. Dates and details will be forthcoming...
 - OPTION #4: Face-to-Face
 - Should the guidelines allow face-to-face meetings after July 6th, an opportunity will be presented to attend face-to-face session at the Hartford Fairgrounds, with species break-out sessions available. NOTE: Details to come later...

— HORSE SAFETY & ETHICS TRAINING

- HS&E Training will be made available to first-year horse project members in at least three formats. Additional details will be coming...
 - OPTION #1: EQUISTEP
 - Online training program completion. This program allows the member to complete a training program online, at no cost. Detailed instructions will be provided...
 - OPTION #2: Zoom Training Session
 - This option would allow the member to register to attend a Zoom session, during which the HS&E session would be presented. Dates and details will be forthcoming...

- OPTION #3: Face-to-Face

- Should the guidelines allow face-to-face meetings after July 6th, an opportunity will be presented to attend face-to-face session at the Extension Office. NOTE: Details to come later...

— **LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

- We realize that the possible uncertainty of family finances, and not knowing if the Hartford Fair will take place, leaves families who would normally have children enrolled in livestock projects with lots of questions. We encourage each family to decide what's best for them, prior to purchasing livestock. Regardless of the opportunity to participate in a sale at the fair, there is much to be learned from being involved in livestock projects – responsibility, accountability, decision-making skills, a strong work ethic, and financial management skills, just to name a few.

— **HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR**

- We want to confirm for you that as of the time of this letter (4/10 @ noon), no communications have been received about cancellation or format changes for the Hartford Fair, nor any other county / independent fair in Ohio. Along with you, we wait to learn more about how these events will be handled amid the current pandemic. Please know that we understand you are anxious to receive confirmation – as are we. Until we hear information specific to fairs from Governor DeWine, we will continue the planning process... We do want you to know that our Governor fully understands the value of 4-H and the fairs in Ohio – as his entire family has been involved in 4-H over the years. I am quite sure that this decision is being given much thought and careful consideration, with input from the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Fair Managers Association.

Adrienne and I encourage that if you have any questions, to contact us directly and we will do our best to assist you. The Licking County Extension Office is currently closed, and we will notify you as soon as we receive word that can return to the office. Mail is picked up weekly, so all materials to be turned-in, can be mailed or emailed, as needed. Please feel free to contact us at mccutcheon.46@osu.edu or anderson.1410@osu.edu.