

March 13, 2020

A Message to our Stakeholders

We are concerned for the safety of our stakeholders, friends and families. Purdue Extension is a part of Purdue University and we will follow guidelines and policies issued by the university as it relates to the coronavirus. Therefore, we will be postponing or cancelling all face-to-face programs effective immediately through April 6th. We will make every effort to provide alternative dates or deliver those programs through technological means, as appropriate. Decisions for future programming will be determined by Purdue University on March 30th. We ask that those in high-risk categories take every precaution to protect themselves. The county office will remain open in the event that Purdue's main campus closes. We will close the office only if the county health officials and county government officials deem it appropriate to do so. Please check our Facebook page and website frequently for updates. We will notify you of any change as soon as we are able. We will make every effort to send 4-H email blasts in a timely manner.

All 4-H events are included in these guidelines. There are to be NO 4-H meetings, events, or activities through April 6th. This includes 4-H Council and Adult Volunteer Committees. Please know that state and area events will be postponed or delivered through technology. If you are able to use technology to meet or present education materials, please do so! We have options in the office to help you.

After April 6th, if guidelines do not change, we will resume holding face-to-face activities for groups less than 50.

Those who had planned to attend any other programs scheduled this spring, please see the below list of events and the decisions made for those particular events. Reach out to our staff if you have any concerns.

As of now:

- **Area 2 Performing Arts Contest**- Will be conducted electronically. Please watch for instructions as we coordinate an online event. No live performance at Bass Pro.
- **Area 2 Robotics Challenge** – Canceled. Will be rescheduled.
- **Maker Space Spring break events**- Canceled. Will work with libraries to reschedule. Please watch for updates.
- **Goat, Sheep, Beef, etc. Tagging and Weigh-In** – Continue as planned but create a staggered schedule (4:00 A-L, 5:00 K-P, or something similar) so fewer than 50 people are gathered at a time. Abide by local health department and government restrictions if more restrictive.
- **4-H Club Meetings, Project Workshops, Council Meetings, Fair Board Meetings, etc.** – Canceled through April 6th,
- **4-H Council Training**- Canceled. To be rescheduled.
- **4-H New Member Orientation**- Postpone to April 13th. Watch communications unless guidelines change.
- **4-H Horse Vaccine Clinic**- Continue as planned but create a staggered schedule so fewer than 50 are gathered at a time. Watch for communications in case guidelines change.

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- **4-H Camp Counselor Training-** At this time, we current plan to hold Camp Counselor Training as scheduled.
- **Master Gardener training (In Floyd Co) –** Canceled.
- **Area 2 Livestock Judging/ Dairy Judging/ WHEP CDEs-** Area livestock, dairy, and region wildlife events are cancelled and will not be re-scheduled. State 4-H will adjust these state level events so every youth wanting to take advantage of these educational opportunities may do so. More information will be released as details are finalized.
- **Southern Indiana Llama & Alpaca Conference –** Postponed
- **Bull Soundness Exam –** Postponed
- **UAV training –** continued as planned
- **Master Gardener Spring Workshop –** Continue as planned with attendance no more than 50.
- **AI School at Little York –** Continue as planned
- **Volunteer Appreciation & Annual Extension Board meeting-** continue as planned. Watch communications in case guidelines change.
- **Southeastern Indiana Hemp Workshop –** postponed, date is TBD
- **Weed Wrangle-** postponed
- **Junior Master Cattlemen's Livestock Judging Clinic –** postponed, date is TBD
- **Dining with Diabetes-** will reschedule
- **Cooking Under Pressure-** will reschedule
- **Homemakers Council and Fair Committee Meetings-** Canceled
- **Opioid Training-** Continue as scheduled.

Otherwise, it will be business as usual for Purdue Extension- Harrison County. If 4-H members would like to utilize this time to work on 4-H projects, the office will still be open to pick up manuals. Try something new!

These are unprecedented circumstances for us. Please know that even as guidelines are constantly changing, we are committed to serving our community. We are prepared to continue delivering quality educational programs and experiences to the best of our ability. Thank you for your patience as well all learn to navigate in this new health conscious environment.

Thank you for all you do,

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