



Frequently Asked Questions for 4-H Activities 2020

General Topics

- **Why are you offering a Virtual Fair?** Offering of a virtual opportunity is a way for us to be inclusive and help all of our members celebrate their accomplishments of the year. An organization like 4-H cannot discriminate against a member that has their own underlying health conditions or is living with someone that does. It is to be seen as an acceptable option for members to exhibit their project, because for some members, it will be their only option. While it may not be an “equal” opportunity, it is the best we can do this year.
- **What if I do not want to participate in virtual or in-person exhibit opportunities?** We understand this challenging year may make it hard to complete a project in a traditional exhibit. Like any other year, you can still simply submit your record sheet to receive credit for your completion for the year. For any projects you want to complete, but not exhibit, email your record sheet to lodmell@purdue.edu or drop it off at the office.
- **Can I participate both virtually and in-person?** You cannot enter the same exhibit in both ways, but you can enter different exhibits differently. For instance, you could enter your heifer virtually and your steer in-person. There are some classes that will only be offered virtually (for instance dogs or horse and pony halter classes), and some that will not be placed virtually, but you would still receive judge’s feedback (i.e. animal showmanship).
- **How can I help with Fair?**- There will be a large list of duties where we need assistance to make this a good experience for all. A link to a sign up genius will be sent the week of June 25 with the opportunity for people to help with all activities (exhibit hall or animal related).
- **Who is enforcing all of the restrictions we must follow?** For us to have the ability to offer successful in-person activities, we all must be responsible for adhering to the restrictions in the safety plan (available on the fair website). Ultimately, the 4-H Council is responsible for ensuring we do so, but we need everyone’s support. If you cannot be supportive, you will not be able to participate.
- **Will there be amenities at the Fair?**- Remember, this year is very different. Please do not come expecting the same number of food vendors or other sales available while you are there. There may be some vendors, but we do not know for sure.
- **Is the 4-H Council still accepting donations this year?**- Absolutely! This year is presenting a lot of unique challenges, and the 4-H Council is needing to pull from the general fund for sanitation and PPE supplies as well as other expenses like live streaming. They would absolutely appreciate a general fund donation to offset some of these expenses if an individual or business is able. The 4-H Council is trying to be cognizant of the challenging financial year for our community by not completing the traditional donation campaign.
- **How do we show we are exhibiting virtually or in-person?** There is a question in FairEntry where you tell us if the exhibit is for virtual or in-person. If members upload pictures, they are showing virtually, if they do not upload pictures, they are showing in-person with the exception of a completed record sheet. Each entry is required to attach a completed record sheet when uploading to FairEntry.



- **Are Virtual Classes being judged separately from in-person classes?** No, we are only offering one fair, and members can choose how they want to exhibit. Judges will be shown the virtual entries while they are reviewing in-person entries.

Exhibit Hall Topics

- **If I am exhibiting virtually, do my projects need to adhere to the same guidelines as usual?** For the most part, yes. The exceptions are listed at on the State 4-H website, along with other tips for exhibiting virtually. <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/projects.aspx>. Pay special attention to this for poster projects, photography salon prints, and fine arts.
- **How do I know when I can drop off my projects?** A sign up genius will be coming out for families to select the time they would like to drop off.

Animal Topics

- **Are we still expected to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification?** Yes, if you are showing virtually or in-person, you must complete your YQCA certification. If you use your 4HOnline log in information at yqca.com, your certification information will auto populate in FairEntry. If not, you will need to provide your certificate number, which you can get from the YQCA website.
- **How will stalls be assigned for those that need them?** Exhibitors that need them will request stalls/pens while creating their entries in FairEntry. Once FairEntry closes, staff will provide the information to committees to figure out assignments, which will be communicated when you arrive for your show.
- **If showing off trailer where do they need to park?** More detailed information will be coming on this. For now, Rabbit traffic should park on paved parking lot by expo hall or gravel space between cattle barn and paved lot. Otherwise, park around outside circle away from food vendor circle. Trailers must stay at least 15-20 feet away from food vendor, cannot block flow of traffic, and need to try to stay off the grass
- **Can Mini members still show animals?**- For this year, If mini is not showing an animal from their family, you must follow all safety plan guidelines with distancing, sanitation, and PPE. Mini members with large animals (swine, cattle, and horses) must have a parent in the show ring with them. If a mini member cannot meet this expectation, they can exhibit a poster or other exhibit option.
- **Do people helping groom still need to complete the Animal Groomers Assistance program?** Yes, this is still the expectation. Members are expected to do their own grooming, but it is understood that sometimes they will need assistance to learn. See the rules on animal grooming in the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook for specifics.
- **Do you have to wear a mask while in the show ring?** It is the 4-H Council's recommendation that all members wear a mask while in the show ring (aside from horses), because you cannot guarantee six foot social distancing, and it will allow the judge to speak with you and better evaluate your animal with touch.
- **Can I watch the whole show? How many spectators are allowed in the show arena?** Our main goals are ensuring our youth get a high-quality experience and protecting our entire community. To help achieve these, we will really have to focus on limiting the number of people in our spaces. We will not have space for people to sit and watch a lot of the shows. We will be asking



people to be in the show arena only for their classes. The show arena will be limited to 50 spectators at a time. The shows will be livestreamed for those that are not able to watch in person.

- **What if we have more family, friends, other members, or volunteers that want to come watch us show than we have wristbands?** See previous questions. We must limit the number of people in our spaces. While we are excited that our members have large support systems, we will need to ask those that cannot be there in-person to see the livestream.
- **When will we receive a show bill?** As soon as it is ready. Once check-in is complete, we will be able to download and print the show bill. We will not be able to provide multiple revisions. Corrections to classes will be made during check-in process. There may be some cases where the show bill will come in pieces- for instance we could give you the items you need for the breeding classes that start your show and then follow up with the later classes that needed breaking.
- **What time are animals allowed to show up for weigh-in/ check-in/ etc.?** This will vary by species and will be advertised soon. It will not be earlier than 5 am, and you must arrive at least an hour prior to the start of the show.
- **Can I leave when I am done showing, or do I need to wait until the show is over?** You can leave when you are done. You are welcome to stay if you want until the end of the show, as long as you are maintaining a social distance and meeting all guidelines. If you decide to stay, be cautious in checking that the show arena is not at full allotted compacity. If we are approaching 4 pm, we would like for you to go ahead and leave to reduce traffic problems and help with transition. All trailers must be off the grounds an hour after the show concludes.
- **Can we groom our animals?** We ask that all animals be clipped and washed before arriving. We understand things can get dirty on the trailer, so wash racks will be available, but use will need to be efficient and considerate and you will need to provide your own hose. Members need to keep your equipment in your space and should not share equipment. When trailers leave the grounds, they need to leave their space as clean as they found it.
- **Will there be a livestock auction?** The Fair Board will be hosting an online auction through Beckort Auctions. It will be a premium only auction, which means the price bid is the donation money directly to the 4-H member. It does not change the ownership of the animal. If they are able to secure a floor buyer, the info will be sent out with further instructions with regard to the animals, prices, etc.

For each 4-H member participating in the auction, they will need a picture of the 4-H member with their animal (pic should be 4:3 and max 800mp), the 4-H member's first and last name, lot description (example: meat goat, steer, wether, etc), and designate 10 year members. These can be sent to lawco.fairboard@gmail.com by Monday, June 29. If you are struggling with getting good pictures of your auction animal, reach out to Kornti Peek 812-329-9638.

The catalog will be uploaded to the Beckort Auction site and bidding will open July 2nd and end on July 16th.