

Allen County 4-H – July 8 Update to Families

Please read the following carefully. I realize this is a lot of information, but we have had to make several changes this year to keep everyone safe during a worldwide pandemic. A HUGE Thank You to the many volunteers who have put in countless additional hours this year as we have worked together to form solutions to challenges we didn't know existed a few months ago. I realize that not everyone will be happy with how everything will look this year, but please keep in mind that we have had to implement these changes in order to provide in-person judging. While our situation is not ideal, I am proud of the hard work many people have given to our program to help make these events happen.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Attached you will find the Allen County COVID-19 Safety Plan that has been approved by Purdue University. This plan was written over the course of several weeks of meetings with the Allen County 4-H Board of Directors and Livestock Executive committees with guidance from the Allen County Department of Health. This plan was not written to merely check off a box, but to insure people's safety during our in-person 4-H events. A few highlights of the plan are:

- Face coverings are required when adequate social distancing of six (6) feet cannot be maintained. We will ask that everyone on the grounds respect this request for the health and safety of our 4-H members, families, volunteers, and staff.
- One volunteer per specie will be responsible for handling scales to avoid being touched by each family.
- We will not have bleachers open. People will need to bring their own seating for shows and will be reminded of social distancing when setting up seats and throughout shows.
- The Allen County 4-H Board has purchased 12 gallons of hand sanitizer and dispensers that will be placed around the grounds along with signage on the importance of proper hand hygiene.
- Our food booth will have a limited menu of bottled water, soft serve ice cream, and pre-made sandwiches. Families will be able to bring their own food to shows. Food and beverages will be discouraged in barns.
- We ask that anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 in the past two (2) weeks refrain from attending any 4-H events. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home.

Purdue University has made special exemptions to university guidelines for Extension and 4-H to hold summer events with the promise that these approved plans would be followed. It is all of our responsibility to make sure everyone is following the details of this safety plan.

Allen County 4-H Exhibition 2020

The 2020 Allen County Fair will be closed to the general public. With the COVID-19 pandemic still affecting much of what all of us are doing, we have several restrictions we need to follow. One of those restrictions is limiting the number of people on the fairgrounds during our judging. We thank extended family wanting to support our 4-H youth but we need help to maintain appropriate social distancing during our 4-H events by following recommendations of only immediate 4-H households being present at 4-H judging and shows this year. Please consider using social media to livestream your 4-H member's shows and classes and sharing that with family and friends who cannot be on the fairgrounds for the show.

Exhibit Building Project Check-In

Exhibit Building Project Check in will take place Wednesday, July 22, 2-6 pm, Thursday, July 23, 2-6 pm, Friday, July 24, 2-6 pm and Saturday, July 25 9 am-12 Noon, Judging will be closed. Please use the east entrance of the Fairgrounds. Project check in will start at the West end of the Home Loan Bank Building, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. You will be instructed to pull to the next door where volunteers will unload exhibits. Judging is closed due to COVID19. If you have a large exhibit you will be given instructions for setting up your exhibit. **PLEASE wear a face covering inside the building when setting up large exhibits.**

Exhibit Building Project Pick-Up

Project Pick up will be Wednesday, July 29, 2-6 pm, Thursday, July 30, 2-6 pm, Friday, July 31, 2-6 pm and Saturday, August 1, 9 am-2 pm. Please pick up your projects or they will be discarded. Please come to the west end of the Exhibit Hall Building Door and a volunteer will ask your name and go in and get your projects and awards and return to you. **PLEASE wear a face covering if entering the building to pick up large exhibits.**

Fair Entry

We have to plan for a virtual fair and an in-person fair. We need to have a backup plan in case Allen County is downgraded and we cannot provide in-person shows. State Fair projects and livestock projects will require you to upload pictures of exhibits or animals. Deadline is July 15 except for Foods & Microwave projects which will be July 9. Charts were emailed with tips on how to take photos of projects to upload along with directions of how to put things in Fair Entry. Remember Fair entry is like reserving a spot, pen or class. **PLEASE read the instructions and suggestions for EVERY project you are completing.** **IMPORTANT INFO for Posters, Notebooks, and Display Boards: Poster Sleeves, Hard backings and Refences not needed in 2020**

Foods & Microwave Judging

July 13 in the Home & Family Arts Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds. Drop off projects between 5-6 pm. Judging is closed. Please use disposable containers as all products will be discarded after judging. Foods and Microwave projects need to be in FairEntry by July 9. Baked and Preserved Foods projects (as well as Recipe Card) will need photos uploaded in FairEntry. For check-in, enter the front door and instructions will be given to where to go next to drop off project, then exit the side door. **PLEASE wear a face covering inside the building when you drop off your exhibits.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with many jobs at the Fair.

Face coverings will be required when volunteering inside the Exhibit Building

Monday, July 13: Foods Judging – Home & Family Arts, Allen County Fairgrounds, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, July 21: Set-Up 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 22: Check-In Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 23: Check-In Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Friday, July 24: Check-In Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday, July 25: Check-In Exhibit Building Projects & Non-Livestock Judging, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 26: Sort Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, July 27: Sort Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, July 28: Sort Exhibit Building Projects, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 29: Exhibit Building Check-Out, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 30: Exhibit Building Check-Out, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Friday, July 31: Exhibit Building Check-Out, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 1: Exhibit Building Check-Out, 4-H Exhibit Buildings, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Call Jean 481-6429 or email jkendall@purdue.edu to schedule shifts.

Pet Rabbit Live Show

The Pet Rabbit Show will take place on Saturday, July 25, 6:00pm in the Exhibit Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Cat Show Judging

The Cat Show will take place on Saturday, July 25, 6:30pm in the Exhibit Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Horse & Pony

Revised show schedule was emailed to you in late June. Please refer to it when completing FairEntry.

Livestock

No animals can be on the fairgrounds overnight. Check-in will take place the day of show. Clean up and sanitization will follow each show and this includes pens. You will be responsible for cleaning your pen area before you can leave for the day.

Rabbit – July 28 - Check in: 8-10 am Show: 11:00 am

Poultry - July 28 – Check in: 12:30-3:30 Show at: 4 pm

Dairy – July 29 – Check in: 10:30-11:30 am Show at: 12 Noon

Dairy Goat – July 29 – Check in: 1–3 pm Show at: 4:00 pm

Llama – July 30 – Check in: 8-9 am Showmanship at 9:00 with 2 Performance Classes to follow

Dairy Beef – July 30 – Check in: 7:30-10:00 am Show at: 12:30 pm

Sheep – July 30 – Check in: 4:30-5:30 pm Show at: 6:30 pm

Meat Goat – July 31 Check in: 8-10 am Show at: 11:00 am

Beef – Friday July 31 Check in: 12 Noon – 2 pm Show at: 5:00 pm

Swine -Saturday – August 1 Check-in: 5:00-8:00 am (Scan and weigh 5:00-9:00 am) Show: 11:00 am with Carcass Show one (1) hour after regular show ends

YQCA

Youth planning on exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair MUST complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) online by the time animals are checked in at the State Fairgrounds. The link for YQCA is <http://yqca.org/>. There is a \$12 cost to complete YQCA. This is paid directly to YQCA, not 4-H.

If you are showing livestock in ALLEN COUNTY ONLY:

Due to CODID-19 adjustments, this year youth exhibiting livestock at the COUNTY LEVEL ONLY have the option of completing online Animal Ethics modules instead of Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). These modules MUST be completed by Friday, July 17, 2020. There is no cost for these modules. The online Animal Ethics modules can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx>. The four sections that must be completed are listed under the Online Animal Ethics Modules.

IMPORTANT – Youth MUST complete the following Qualtrics survey to receive credit for the Animal Ethics modules: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aAOaEAK0BEGoRv

Livestock Auction – Virtual

Email on details were sent in Mid-June. If you would like to participate in the livestock auction please email the following information to allencoin4hauction@gmail.com. You can begin submitting your information at any time. The deadline to submit this information and participate in the online auction is Monday, July 27th. (After showing your animal if you earn an award that you would like to add to your information, you may do so by Saturday, August 1st @ 7pm.) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Auction Committee Chairman, Randy Lewis @ (260) 438-5382.

2020 Executive Livestock Committees

Who makes the decisions for rules/awards/judges/workshops for your livestock project? An Executive Committee for each livestock specie (except horse & llama) of up to four adults and two 4-H'ers (4-H'ers must have 3 years of project work in that specie), are elected at the fair. Only current 4-H members enrolled in the project may vote. **Any 4-H Volunteer or 4-H'er wishing to have their name on the ballot should notify Jean Kendall and complete a bio sheet and return it to the Extension Office by July 15.** We need people to get involved with solutions that benefit everyone. These committees will be responsible for the rules, awards, workshops and exhibit of their specie. Nominees not elected will be listed as resource leaders. Elections, if needed, will occur at the project check-in or weigh-in.

Reminder

Please remember that this is a challenging time for everyone. Decisions are being made in consultation with Purdue University, the Allen County 4-H Board of Directors, Allen County 4-H Livestock Executive Committees, the Allen County Fairgrounds Board of Directors, local and state government, and the Allen County Health Department to provide a safe experience for our 4-H members and their families, 4-H volunteers, and Purdue Extension staff. While we realize that circumstances are not ideal, we have confidence that our Allen County 4-H families will continue to make the best of our current situation.

Together, we remain 4-H Strong.

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