

COVID – 19 & Cowley County 4-H FAQs

1. 4-H Club and Volunteer Activities
 1. All local regional, state, national and international K-State Research and Extension face-to-face events (for example: workshops, club meetings, shows, etc.) conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers and targeted for our constituents and stakeholders between March 15th and May 16th must be cancelled, postponed or held via zoom or other distance technology.
 2. No activities, fundraisers, gatherings, events, etc. are too take place unless done so through distance technology.
2. What do we do about YQCA training?
 1. YQCA is still required for members who will exhibit at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Instructor led meetings will not take place prior to May 16th. IF the restrictions are lifted, instructor led sessions will be held between May 16 & June 15. IF they are NOT lifted – your option is to complete YQCA Online. If you are signed up for an instructor led class – you can log in, cancel your registration and you will be refunded. You can then sign-up for a online class
 2. What do I do about my 7 yr. old since they can't take it online – stay tuned for further guidance that will come out the first full week of April
3. What are we going to do about tagging animals?
 1. County Tagging requirements have changed. Please go to our website for the details <https://www.cowley.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock2020.html>
 2. All livestock will be required to fill out the Livestock identification form found on our website. Form and video will be due on May 1. Forms must be emailed to klordyke@ksu.edu. Videos must be uploaded to the private Facebook group for each respective specie. Upload all family nominated livestock in one post with your family name as the title for the post.
 3. We will tag at a later date when it is safe to do so and only those animals nominated will be tagged.
4. I want to nominate animals for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, what do we do about State Nominations?
 1. At this time, deadlines will remain in place. If anything changes, we will let you know!
 2. If you have livestock that need state nominated – you must schedule an appointment with Kelsey to have the paperwork signed and get the sticker for your paperwork. You can schedule that appointment by calling the office at (620) 221-5450 or emailing Kelsey at klordyke@ksu.edu.
5. Do I buy livestock projects or not?
 1. This is a discussion and decision to be made by individual families. We encourage you to discuss Risk Management and what that looks like for your family. For some, that may mean you are not going to buy an animal this year while for others, you may still decide to move forward. We are receiving the information on COVID-19 just as you all

are. We wish there was an easy answer and we could look into that crystal ball – but we can't!

6. Is Fair going to be cancelled?

1. This is a great question that no one can answer at this point. We are having conversations in our office as to what 4-H projects at Fair may look like and developing a Plan B should it need to be implemented.
2. 4-H is a year round project and teaches resilience, flexibility, preparedness and adaptability. As Extension Agents, we are committed to working to try and identify alternate solutions should these restrictions continue into the summer months.