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Hi All,

I've been thinking about you all in this time of uncertainty. Last week was a lot of commotion with new news from ISU every hour it seemed like. I've been wanting to email you, but I wanted to make sure I was getting you the most current information. As of Thursday evening, we are to cancel, postpone, or hold all 4-H and extension events and programs virtually until May 9th. That's a long time! So, there's a lot of unknowns and what ifs going on. We're just going day by day at this point.

A few things to note:

- Please let me know if you are interested in having a virtual 4-H meeting. 4-H families can participate by logging - on with a link on their computer or by calling in with a phone number to the same "meeting room". I would be happy to do a practice web meeting with anyone.
- They are allowing us to still have sheep and goat weigh in on May 6th. The process will have to be different than years past – we are still working on that part with superintendents and Iowa 4-H state staff. We are waiting to see what happens between now and then.
- State Fair Swine tags – If families need them please have them contact me. Otherwise if they need other ear tags, they are available in our entryway, they can email me what tags they took and mail in money for the ear tags.
- There's been a lot of talk about 4-H members sewing face masks for healthcare professionals. Although that is a fantastic way to use our talents to serve others in a time where we feel helpless, it has come to other counties' attention that a lot of hospitals and clinics around the state cannot accept them because they are not medical grade and considered not effective. At the same time, it is frustrating for medical staff that something is better than nothing. So please check in with the clinics and hospitals you are going to donate to before moving forward! Nursing home are another great place to check.
- As Iowa 4-H staff, we are meeting virtually every morning to receive new information and collaborate with other staff. More information about upcoming events will be released as we know more.
- YQCA in April has been moved to May 18th!!
- We will not be having an April Leaders Meeting but will send you an email closer to when Fairbooks go out to let you know. If you would like to get your leaders training done for the year you can watch the state one online. ONLINE VERSION: The online version of 4-H Prepares Youth for the Future is available via 4H Online.
- As of right now we are NOT looking at moving the fair!! If anything would change you will be one of the first to know!! I have been receiving calls about this.

Please have families check our Facebook page, as I post many different resources on there for them. Keep reminding families this is a great time to work on 4-H projects.

If you have a question about something, please bring it to my attention! Our office is closed, but all staff are still working from the safety of our homes.

Take care,

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