

June 2, 2020

Dear 4-H and FFA members, families, and volunteers,

Recently the Winneshiek County Fair Association cancelled the 2020 grounds and entertainment activities due to continued restrictions of Covid-19. We appreciate the support provided by the Winneshiek County Fair Association to support decisions of Winneshiek County Extension/4-H staff and the 4-H committees when determining plans to provide a '4-H Fair' in 2020.

The Winneshiek County Extension Council, Youth Development Committee along with 4-H and Extension staff have made the difficult decision to shift all efforts and resources to a limited audience Show and Go Livestock Exhibition and contact-free Static, Clothing, & Communication Exhibit Judging. The health and safety of our 4-H members, families, volunteers, staff, and animals are the primary concern in making this decision. Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach must follow the guidance of [Winneshiek County Public Health](#) and Iowa 4-H.

This year has been full of difficult decisions and learning experiences. This is not a decision we ever imagined we would need to consider. We ask for your patience and kindness as we prepare materials and information for 4-H and FFA members who still choose to participate in the modified events. Some may choose that these events are not what they would like to participate in this summer and others will choose to participate. Like every year, fair is not a requirement to be a 4-H member.

What is next?

- FairEntry is currently closed. Fair Entry will open on the new date of June 10 and close on June 30.
- Updates regarding schedule and classes will be shared on June 9 to your 4HOnline email.

We thank you in advance for your patience and support. Questions can be sent to winneshiek4h@iastate.edu or by phone at 563-382-2949. Additional updates may be found on our [website](#) in the weeks to come.

The Winneshiek County 4-H Staff Team, Youth Development Committee and Winneshiek County Extension Council.