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Dear Extension volunteers, staff and “Dotte” community:

As we monitor growing concern about the spread of COVID-19, we want to be cognizant of the health and well-being our staff, volunteers and the public. At this time social distancing is an effective precaution for slowing the spread of the virus. Therefore, our Wyandotte County Extension office will cancel all face-to-face programming and events until March 31, 2020.

We understand the inconvenience this creates because many of you support us with passion and commitment, which makes this decision all the more difficult. You can expect to hear from our agents and staff about specific program information soon. However, there will be no Extension programs occurring at our office or off-site locations. Nor, will user groups have access to our meeting rooms during this time. Currently, the office will remain open for our normal business hours. We encourage everyone to take all necessary precautions in the days ahead.

As a reminder, you can take preventative actions to protect yourself, fellow colleagues, and others from illness, including COVID-19, by following these steps:

- Practice good hand hygiene, practice 20-second handwashing often, use hand sanitizers
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact to people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw it in the trash. Or, cough into your elbow
- Stay home if you are experiencing fever, cough, or other symptoms of illness
- Clean communal surfaces with a disinfectant

If you feel sick with a fever, cough or have difficulty breathing, have traveled to areas where there is widespread transmission of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has traveled and has been sick with similar symptoms, in the last 14 days, stay home and call your healthcare provider.

To stay informed with the most up-to-date information:
- Visit the K-State University novel coronavirus webpage: https://www.k-state.edu/media/update/coronavirus/index.html
- Visit the KDHE novel coronavirus webpage: http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/
- Call the KDHE novel coronavirus hotline: 1-866-534-3453 or email COVID-19@ks.gov

Kindly,

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