Good morning,
During these uncertain times, as you know, our top priority is the safety of our staff, volunteers, program participants, and the public we serve. This week the UG extended Phase 3 of the Ad Astra Reopening plan (See link below). Also, the Kansas Department of Agriculture confirmed cases of VSV in this state with additional guidelines for ensuring the safety of horses and livestock (See link below and attached documents).

After much consideration, we have made the decision to cancel our limited, in-person 4-H summer showcase events. The cancelled limited, in-person 4-H events include: poultry, beef, sheep, goat, swine, horse, pets/cats, and plant sciences. We will, however, work with these projects, members, and families to provide virtual showcasing options, as necessary. Our virtual static project showcasing will continue as planned. The decision to cancel in-person events did not come easily.

However, based on the current status of our county, as it relates to COVID-19, concerns for animal diseases (Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease and now Vesicular Stomatitis), incurring the cost of hiring medical and veterinary staff to monitor both animals and participants throughout the events and the capacity of our staff and volunteers, we believe that risks outweigh the rewards for all parties involved.

We recognize that this announcement comes as a disappointment for many reasons, however, the safety of our youth, families, volunteer and community at large is a top priority. We believe that by choosing not to host these in-person events we are doing our part in helping to keep safe our 4-H youth, families, staff, volunteers and Wyandotte County.

Moving forward, our staff will continue to work collaboratively to ensure we are providing not only safe, but positive youth development opportunities. Virtual 4-H showcasing options will be available in lieu of in-person showcasing, which are the official events for youth to qualify to attend the Kansas State Fair. Additional informational documents are attached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Nozella Brown, County Extension Director.

For more information:
• https://www.wycokck.org/WycoKCK/media/Health-Department/Documents/Communicable%20Disease/COVID19/06182020_Phase3ExtendedinWyCo.pdf

All the best,
Jessie Carr, 4-H Youth Development Agent
Nozella Brown, County Extension Director
Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) in Horses

Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) is a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas. Humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals, resulting in flu-like symptoms, but this is a rare event. Time from exposure to the onset of clinical signs is 2-8 days. Infected premises are placed under quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. VSV is a state reportable disease.

Symptoms:
1. Excessive salivation
2. Lesions in the mouth & nose
3. Lack of appetite
4. Lesions around the feet
5. Lameness
6. Teat, prepuce & ear lesions

Prevention:
1. Strict fly control in and around the farm
   - Manure management and elimination of fly breeding areas
   - Appropriate insecticide use for horses, barns, and outdoor areas
2. Do not share equipment, tools, or tack
3. Separate suspect animals immediately and report
4. Shows, fairs, and rodeos may institute new entry requirements
   - A health certificate issued within 2-5 days prior to an event can be beneficial in reducing risks

Report:
Vesicular stomatitis is a reportable disease. To report VSV, call the Kansas Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.
Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) in Cattle

Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) is a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas. Humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals, resulting in flu-like symptoms, but this is a rare event. Time from exposure to the onset of clinical signs is 2-8 days. Infected premises are placed under quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. VSV is a state reportable disease.

Symptoms:
1. Excessive salivation
2. Lesions in the mouth & nose
3. Lack of appetite
4. Teat lesions
5. Lesions around the feet
6. Lameness

Prevention:
1. Strict fly control in and around buildings
   • Manure management
   • Elimination of fly breeding areas
   • Appropriate insecticide use and application for cattle, milking parlors, and outdoor areas
2. Separate suspect animals immediately and call your veterinarian.

Report:
Vesicular stomatitis is a reportable disease. To report VSV, call the Kansas Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.
In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and to keep staff, participants, volunteers, and the public safe, Kansas 4-H has modified some of the procedures for its involvement in the 2020 Kansas State Fair.

**Limit Clarifications for the 2020 Kansas State Fair**

Listed below are limits to project entries for State Fair static exhibits and modifications to the Presentation area.

- 4-H Presentations will be conducted virtually with submissions due by September 1st. Results and recordings of presentations will be shared at the State Fair.
- Visual Arts entries will be limited to half of your county’s original quota (can be found [VA Quotas](#)) amount with NO LESS than 2 per county. Entries also must be able to be carried by one person, i.e. Size and weight must be handled by one person.
  - ALL OTHER STATIC PROJECT DIVISION are limited to one youth entry per division. These include the following Divisions.
    - Clothing and Textiles
    - Crops
    - Energy Management
    - Entomology
    - Fiber Arts
    - Foods-Nutrition
    - Foods-Preservation
    - Forestry
    - Geology and Lapidary
    - Home Environment
    - Horticulture
    - Photography
    - Shooting Sports
    - SpaceTech – Astronomy
    - SpaceTech – Computers
    - SpaceTech – Robotics
    - SpaceTech – Rocketry
    - SpaceTech – Unmanned Aerial Systems
    - SpaceTech – Educational Exhibits
    - Wildlife
    - Wood Science

More information will soon follow related to processes at the Kansas State Fair, but wanted to share the limit changes as soon as possible.

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Livestock Kansas State Fair Qualifying Information
(Copied from KSF Book)

Livestock
Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry, Crops, Horticulture and Rabbits

Kansas 4-H and FFA members are eligible to enter beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, crops, horticulture, and rabbits.

Only purple award or State Fair blue exhibits selected in a previously designated competition may be exhibited in the 4-H/FFA division. All contestants must have qualified through county, district or other competitive events or be approved by the local K-State Research and Extension Office or FFA Advisor. Beef, sheep, swine, meat goat and rabbit entries must be of blue ribbon quality.

All exhibitors check with their Local Extension Unit about county/district requirements that are in place to enter exhibits at the Kansas State Fair in the following areas: dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, crops, horticulture, and rabbits.

Entries: Pre-Entries are due to county offices so that they are in receipt to the State 4-H Office no later than August 15 or within 5 working days of the completion of the county fair for those counties having fairs after August 10 (except for beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries which are due to Kansas State Fair by July 15 at www.kansasstatefair.com).

All non-livestock entries must be processed through the Local Extension Unit Office. It is the responsibility of the individual 4-H/FFA member to pre-enter non-livestock exhibits with the Extension Office by the local deadline.

4-H/FFA Beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries are due July 15! Grand Drive entries must be signed by the appropriate Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. Entries are online this year, you can access this by going to www.kansasstatefair.com.

In order to enter and exhibit 4-H/FFA market livestock, breeding does or commercial breeding animal, the member must have nominated the animal. During the project year, 4-H/FFA members are expected to participate in a prior competition (i.e. county fair, spring show, breed competition) within the same species and project exhibit type (example: market beef). A different animal than the one exhibited may be shown at the State Fair, provided it has been carried in the same project. It shall be the responsibility of the local FFA advisor or the County/District Extension Agent to see that only State Fair quality livestock (blue or purple quality) are entered in the 4-H/FFA Livestock section of the Kansas State Fair. This will be necessary when the qualifying competitions fall after the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair.

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Horse Kansas State Fair Qualifying Information

Horse

The State 4-H Office and the Horse Action Team have been working to create a positive experience for 4-Hers during this uncertain time. We are adjusting requirements to better support youth who participate in the 4-H Horse project.

4-Hers enrolled in the Horse Project have received a similar communication this afternoon without attachments via 4HOnline. They are being instructed to contact their local unit for specifics.

Their email will also include a very short Qualtrics questionnaire to indicate their interest in exhibiting at State Fair with these changes.

Horse Identification Forms:
• 4-H youth should ID every horse they may exhibit at the State 4-H Horse Show. If a horse does not have proper identification papers, submitted by May 1, they will not be eligible.
• Horse ID forms are due to the local unit office with the appropriate signatures on May 1.
• Local units should submit all Horse IDs to the state office by May 15. Signed electronic versions are adequate. This is due to the fact that there will be no District Horse Shows to confirm IDs before state entry.
• Signatures do not have to be originals. Families and agents may complete the forms via email communication using PDFs/JPEG images. Photos must be included.
• A form-fillable version of the Horse ID paper has been added to Teams. KSRE Resources/ Youth Development/ Curriculum Resources/ STEM & Agriculture/ Agriculture/ Horse to make completion easier. The PDF is also attached.

District/State Horse Shows:
• All District Horse Shows have been cancelled.
• There will be no District qualification for 4-Hers to attend the State 4-H Horse Show.
• Districts can host a non-qualifying educational/practice show after July 4th if desired.
• All state exhibitors must complete Level 1 testing. Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 specific horsemanship classes will still require the appropriate certification. (No change.)
• All state exhibitors must exhibit at their county fair to exhibit at the State 4-H Horse
Show. This is general participation, not a class for class match as we know county classes can vary from the State 4-H Horse Show.

- Agents will receive a State 4-H Horse Show registration report to validate participation at the local level.
- Additional information will be released as plans are solidified with the State 4-H Office and Kansas State Fair.

Levels Testing:

- All components of levels testing will be moved to an online format.
- The $10 fee ($5 for exam and $5 for riding) will still apply. This will be sent in with the signed coversheet upon the successful completion of the online test. (No Change)
- To assist with the electronic exchange, form fillable versions of the coversheets will be available.
- All levels of the exam will be moved to Qualtrics. The direct links for the Qualtrics exams will be given to the agents for distribution.
- Groundwork/riding portion of levels testing will be completed via video conferencing (Zoom, Facetime, etc.) or with a recorded video. The guidelines on safely interacting with youth virtually that will be given to the evaluators is attached.
- The leadership section will be expanded to include online club meeting talks/demonstrations, virtual horse judging or clinic, Panorama, etc. Be creative.
- Form fillable PDFs of the leadership sections will also be added to the Teams folder by April 20.
- Youth are able to complete multiple levels in a year, but they must be done in order. (No Change)
- Study guides can be found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html beneath Project Materials.
- Evaluators will be notified of this change this afternoon. We are collecting a list of evaluators comfortable with the technology and will it be distributed to agents before May 1.
- An additional email will be sent to agents with Qualtrics links once they are live. This will occur before May 1.

If you have any questions, please reach out. We will continue to provide updates as plans evolve.

Sincerely,
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The Kansas 4-H Dog Action team has voted to cancel the in-person state fair dog show for 2020. The group is diligently working to create a non-competitive option where youth will have the opportunity to receive input from 4-H Dog Judges. More information on this will come in the near future.

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