

# Lorain County 4-H



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Lorain County 4-H Update

Happy Friday All! A big thanks to all of you for your patience, kindness, and caring to yourself, your family members, and others. I send smiles and hugs (virtual) for everyone in these uncertain times. This week's update comes with a few answers to your questions!

## Enrollment

What we know:

- The deadline for enrollment has been extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Last week, it was announced that we are to have no face-to-face meetings until this date.
- We have no idea when our office will reopen.
- Lorain County IS NOT set up for online enrollment.

Solution:

- Please connect with your 4-H Club organizational leader.
- Each club collects necessary paperwork from individual families (we suggest using the mail).
  - Enrollment or re-enrollment forms
  - Code of Conducts (member all-in-one and volunteer)
  - Family Fee
  - Ohio Health Forms with attached picture
  - Project specific forms:
    - Horse projects
    - Dog projects
    - Shooting Sports projects
- Your 4-H Club organizational leader will be able to turn in enrollment packets to one of our 4-H staff members.

## Project Books

What we know:

- The deadline for enrollment has been extended to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Last week, it was announced that we are to have no face-to-face meetings until this date.
- We have no idea when our office will reopen.

Solution: **STATE 4-H OFFICE IS STILL WORKING ON THIS, LINK TO COME!!**

- 4-H families or clubs may order project materials from our State 4-H website:
  - There is a discount for Ohio residents
  - You may have to pay tax
  - You will have to pay shipping

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## Quality Assurance

After much discussion, the Lorain County 4-H Quality Assurance team has determined that Lorain County 4-H will continue to require a face-to-face training for all Lorain County Jr. Fair market and lactating animal exhibitors. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has suspended the “45 day prior to exhibition” requirement for the 2020 show season. The team will offer two more workshops once the face-to-face ban has been lifted.

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## Virtual Trainings and Meetings

We are offering virtual options for the meetings and trainings listed below. We are using a virtual meeting platform called zoom.

### Trainings

- Camp Counselor trainings- links will be sent directly to counselors
- New Volunteer Orientation- April 7<sup>th</sup>- <https://osu.zoom.us/j/764549190>
- Volunteer Update- I will add an additional date late April/early May

Anyone may participate from a computer, smart device (iphone, ipad, android phone, etc.) or phone. Simply click on the zoom link provided and follow the prompts. Or, if you would like to call in only, simply call one of the US numbers listed.

Please review and adhere to the zoom meeting best practices tip sheet. The meeting host will always provide a brief tutorial of this platform at the beginning of each meeting.

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## Communication

E-mail has been and will continue to be our primary source of communication. Please read our now weekly updates and the monthly Clover Communicator (April edition coming next week!).

New 4-H families are not in our database yet. Please be sure to forward weekly updates and monthly newsletters to any new families you may have in your club.

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## Resources

Our amazing 4-H Program Assistants, Julie Mackey and Sally Hennessy, have been hard at work developing daily project updates and tip sheets for those of you interested. These are all available on our Face Book page as well as our website. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful Office Associate, Michelle Czarnecki, for updating and maintaining our website.

