

**Ford County**

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**COVID-2019 Update for Ford County Extension**

*as of 3/17/2020 – 1:30 pm*

**As of 12 noon today, the Ford County Government Center's access has been restricted to the public. Offices in the county remain open but only for essential business. The Ford County Extension Office is now closed. The best way to contact us is via e-mail for any and all questions. We will continue to monitor and update as the situation deems necessary.**

As professionals within K-State Research and Extension, we are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of young people and the communities we serve. Because of the continued concern about health issues, and the following the protocol and policies recommended by the CDC, Kansas State University and K-State and Extension we are continually updating these changes and working to establish guideline for spring 4-H and Extension activities and programs.

**YQCA-**

I have been advised to cancel the Zoom YQCA class that I had scheduled for Friday. The purpose of the face-to face sessions is to foster engagement from the participants, particularly our younger members. Zoom does not really provide that opportunity. I apologize for the inconvenience this causes. If you have already registered, you can go on and change your class type to online and pay the new fee. You will be issued a refund for the face-to-face fee.

**Livestock Small Animal Weight-In**

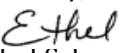
To observe social distancing, Small Animal Weigh-In scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and the State 4-H Office are working to establish guidelines for spring livestock events. The current policy is that no face-to-face events will occur until after May 16<sup>th</sup>. When we receive these guidelines, we will work with the Ford County Fair Association to re-schedule the event and get things back on track.


**State Shows- Beef Nominations**

We have received the State show beef nomination forms. This paperwork will be posted on our website and hopefully we will get copies mailed out to all those in the beef project that we took DNA for. Complete the paperwork and then scan and e-mail it back to the office and we will sign it and get it back to you. The paperwork for the other species is not due till June, so we still have time to get things tagged and sent in. If you have any questions, please call the office or e-mail Andrea at [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu)

We continue to receive updates and changes in policies and procedures, please be patient with us as things continue to quickly evolve. We will send out e-mail notifications when necessary and update our Ford County web page ([www.ford.ksu.edu](http://www.ford.ksu.edu)), Ford County Extension and Ford County 4-H Facebook pages. Please contact us with any questions you might have at [eschnewe@ksu.edu](mailto:eschnewe@ksu.edu) or [aburns@ksu.edu](mailto:aburns@ksu.edu).

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