

# Knox County Extension COVID-19 Updates

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As you may be aware, The Ohio State University has announced the suspension of face-to-face instruction of lectures, discussion sections, seminars, and other similar classroom settings, and the move to virtual instruction effective immediately. This also trickles down to the Knox County OSU Extension Office and the clientele that we serve.

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of viral illnesses is to minimize the circumstances in which individuals might interact and transmit the diseases. The safety of our community is our top priority. We realize that our COVID-19 policy guidelines will cause disruption, but the risk of not acting outweighs the inconvenience of these temporary measures. We will share updates as more information becomes available. [Learn how we're working to keep our communities safe.](#)

## Knox County 4-H Specific Updates

We have been instructed that we are to cancel all face to face meetings county-wide that are non-essential now until **APRIL 20 (per email at 12:17 p.m. on March 12 from the University)**. Unfortunately, that means that all 4-H clubs in Knox County must cancel or hold their 4-H meetings virtually until after April 20. Any meetings scheduled after that can go on as planned. However, evolving situations may require us to extend this deadline even further. Due to the extenuating circumstances being extended, as a county we are going to extend the enrollment deadline now until April 27. That would include turning in all the club paperwork as well. This does not mean that you can not continue to communicate with members to get the 4-HOnline enrollments complete now instead of waiting to the last minute.

March 16: Knox County 4-H Online Enrollment Due –DELAYED TO APRIL 27 AT MIDNIGHT

March 16: Club Paperwork Due –DELAYED TO APRIL 27

March 17: Camp Counselor Meeting – HELD VIRTUALLY

March 17: Junior Fair Board Meeting POSTPONED

March 19-22: Ohio Beef Expo – CANCELLED

March 21: Ambassador/Royalty Competition –RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25

March 23: Knox County 4-H Online Enrollment Changes Due DELAYED TO MAY 1

March 25-29: Buckeye Leadership Workshop –CANCELLED

March 28: OSU Junior Swine Day – CANCELLED

March 31: Advisor Book Order Form Due – POSTPONED TO MAY 1

April 16: Quality Assurance Training – CANCELLED & Hog Tag Pickup – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

April 17-18: Camp Counselor Workshop – 4-H Camp Ohio, St. Louisville - CANCELLED

April 18: Cloverbud Saturday – CANCELLED

April 18: Youth Poultry Clinic – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., OSU ATI Campus, Wooster - CANCELLED

April 19: MANDATORY 1<sup>st</sup> Year Equine Exhibitor Clinic – POSTPONED

April 20: Quality Assurance Training – CANCELLED & Hog Tag Pickup – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

April 21: Camp Counselor Meeting – 6 p.m., 1025 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon - TBD

April 21: Junior Fair Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m., 1025 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon - TBD

April 28: Camp Counselor Combined Meeting (Knox & Holmes) – 6 p.m., Danville - TBD



## **Knox County Agriculture Specific Updates**

March 24: Master Gardener Newsletter Committee Meeting – POSTPONED

March 25: Recertification for Pesticide & Fertilizer – POSTPONED: MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

March 26: Good Agricultural Practice Training – POSTPONED FOR APRIL 29

April 1: Master Gardener Workshop Committee Meeting – POSTPONED

April 6: Lambing and Kidding Simulator- CANCELLED

April 14: Master Gardener Meeting – VIRTUAL MEETING

We do ask that you continue to check our blogs, website, and Facebook page to keep updated on this very fluid situation that can potentially change daily. As we get new information, we will be posting to the following mediums.

Knox County Ag News Blog: <https://u.osu.edu/knoxcountyag/>

Knox County 4-H Blog: <https://u.osu.edu/4hknoxcounty/>

Knox County OSU Extension Website: <https://knox.osu.edu/>

Knox County OSU Extension Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OSUEKnox/>

***Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time!***