

# Knox County Extension COVID-19 Updates

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Thank you for your amazing efforts to quickly transition during this global pandemic. I'm confident that our collective actions will help flatten the curve and reduce the strain on our health care system because we are working together to follow recommended best practices for healthy habits and complying with social distancing requirements.

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

As each day brings something new, OSU Extension Administrative Cabinet has **extended the prohibition of in-person programming from APRIL 20 to MAY 15. This includes all 4-H program, activities, and events.** They feel this is a necessary and prudent precautionary action that will allow us to continue to monitor the situation while offering an estimated date after which we can begin to reschedule 4-H and other OSU Extension programs, activities and events. Jana and I have decided that due our everchanging world, as a county we have decided to keep the enrollment deadline at April 27. That would include turning in all the club paperwork as well. We do ask that paperwork be submitted by scanning and emailing or dropping it in the mail to us at this time. This does not mean that you can not continue to communicate with members to get the 4-H Online enrollments complete now instead of waiting and to try meet virtually. We still have approximately 400 members that were active last year that still need to complete for this year if they are returning.

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 21: Ambassador/Royalty Competition – APPLICATIONS STILL BE ACCEPTED BUT COMPETITION POSTPONED

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

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 – MEMBERS NEED TO ORDER TAGS

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 – MEMBERS NEED TO ORDER TAGS

April 21: Camp Counselor Meeting – 6 p.m., 1025 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

April 21: Junior Fair Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m., 1025 Harcourt Road, Mount Vernon – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

April 28: Camp Counselor Combined Meeting (Knox & Holmes) – 6 p.m., Danville – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

May 1: Broiler Pool Orders Due – 5 p.m. – MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE MEMBERS

May 2: Market Lamb Tagging – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Knox County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon – POSTPONED TO JUNE 6

May 2: Dairy Market Feeder Tagging – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Knox County Fairgrounds – POSTPONED TO JUNE 6

May 2: Market Goat Tagging – 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Knox County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon - POSTPONED TO JUNE 6

May 5: 4-H Horse Lease Agreements, ID & PAS Papers Due – 7 p.m. – AS PLANNED, PLACE FOR DROP-OFF TBD

MAY5: 4-H Equine Advisory Committee – 7 p.m., Knox County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MAY 7: Quality Assurance Training – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Mount Vernon High School – POSTPONED

MAY 14: Quality Assurance Training – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Danville High School – POSTPONED



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## **Knox County Agriculture Specific Updates**

March 26: Good Agricultural Practice Training – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY IN APRIL  
April 1: Master Gardener Workshop Committee Meeting – POSTPONED  
April 6: Lambing and Kidding Simulator- CANCELLED  
April 6: Goat Improvement Meeting – WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE (Possibly Virtually)  
April 13: Knox County Agrology Club – CANCELLED  
April 14: Master Gardener Meeting – VIRTUAL MEETING ON THIS DATE  
April 16: Sheep Improvement Meeting – WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE (Possibly Virtually)  
April 21: Knox County Cattlemen's Meeting – CANCELLED  
April 27: Extension Advisory Meeting – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY  
April 29- Good Agricultural Practice Training – WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY  
May 2: Master Gardener Plant Swap – POSTPONED TO MAY 23  
May 4: Goat Improvement Meeting – WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE (Possibly Virtually)  
May 12: Master Gardener Meeting – VIRTUALLY

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!***