



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

March 17, 2020

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County Buildings Closed to Public

Following County guidelines our Extension Office is currently closed to the public through Monday March 23rd. However, that does not mean we are not here for you! Please never hesitate to reach out via phone or email with any questions you might have. Please note this also means the Fairgrounds will be closed to the public through March 23rd.



Douglas County 4-H Programming Updates

As Colorado and Douglas County face elevated risks associated with COVID-19, there will be significant changes to the delivery of our 4-H programming. Our top priority right now is focusing on our 4-H community's Health and the safety of you, our youth, our volunteers, and our community. Please see below for the current updates on scheduled programming.

There are several events that we are currently planning on running with a reduced number of participants. We will be utilizing RSVP's to ensure we are following all suggested guidelines as to number of attendants in addition to proper sanitizing procedures.

Things are fluid at the moment and as we know more we will communicate. We will be working on ways to keep the youth involved, learning, and participating in our amazing 4-H Community. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this challenging time.

Updated Calendar

MARCH

- **March 18th** - Cloverbud Fun Night ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling
- **March 20th-22nd** - Pueblo Shooting Sports Training ~ **Canceled**
- **March 23rd** - Horse Steering Committee ~ *More information coming soon*
- **March 23rd** - County Open Dog Practice ~ **Canceled**
- **March 26th** - Shooting Sports Advisory Committee ~ *More information coming soon*
- **March 27th-29th** - Garfield County Shooting Sports Training ~ **Canceled**
- **March 28th** - 4-H Poultry Clinic ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling
- **March 30th** - County Open Dog Practice ~ **Tentatively Running** with limit of 9 youth. [RSVP HERE](#) ~ RSVP's will be required to ensure proper limit of participants
- **March 30th** - 4-H Open Ride Night ~ **Canceled**

APRIL

- **April 1st** - DEADLINE - County Scholarship applications due ~ **Running as planned**
- **April 1st** - Swine Tag IDs available at extension office ~ **Tentatively running as planned**. More information will be sent out regarding staggering pickup times.
- **April 3rd-5th** - Arapahoe Shooting Sports Training ~ **Canceled**
- **April 4th** - 4-H Cat Workshop ~ **Tentatively Running** with limit of 9 youth. [RSVP HERE](#) ~ RSVP's will be required to ensure proper limit of participants
- **April 6th** - Youth & Leaders Council ~ **Canceled** with more information coming soon for Youth Council virtual committee meetings and Leader Council Q&A Sessions
- **April 10th-15th** - National 4-H Conference ~ **Canceled**
- **April 14th** - 4-H 201 Discover DC Fair ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling or offering virtual sessions
- **April 15th** - DEADLINE - Shooting Sports Hunter Safety & Western Heritage Permissions uploaded on 4Honline ~ *Deadline extended*
- **April 15th** - DEADLINE - RSVP for MQA Training ~ *Deadline extended*
- **April 15th** - Shooting Sports Meeting for all SS Parents & Members ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling or offering virtual sessions
- **April 18th** - Livestock Education Clinic: Fitting & Nutrition Clinic ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling or offering virtual sessions
- **April 20th** - 4-H Open Ride Night ~ **Canceled**
- **April 22nd-25th** - MQA Training ~ **Tentatively running as planned**. More information will be sent out regarding staggering testing times to limit number of youth testing at the same time. New RSVP links will be available soon.
- **April 25th** - Super Saturday ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling. Contests that qualify for State Conference in June will be rescheduled in office staggering contestant times. More information coming soon on this.
- **April 26th** - Douglas County Buckle Series Horse Show ~ **Canceled**
- **April 27th** - Horse Steering Committee ~ *More information coming soon*
- **April 30th** - DEADLINE: Swine IDs completed and turned into the office ~ **Tentatively running as planned**. More information will be sent out regarding staggering drop off times.

May

- **May 1st- DEADLINE:** Horse Rules & Regulations/Code of Conduct signed & uploaded to 4Honline ~ **Running as planned**
- **May 1st- DEADLINE:** General Project Signup due by midnight ~ **Running as planned**
- **May 1st- DEADLINE:** Last day to drop any project on 4Honline ~ **Running as planned**
- **May 1st- DEADLINE:** ID deadline for Horse, Dog, Cat, Alpaca/Llama, Breeding Sheep, and Breeding Goat uploaded to 4Honline ~ **Running as planned**
- **May 4th- Youth & Leaders Council** ~ **Canceled** with more information coming soon for Youth Council virtual committee meetings and Leader Council Q&A Sessions
- **May 5th- 4-H Sheep & Goat Tag-in Day** ~ *More information coming soon*
- **May 12th- 4-H 202 Discover Livestock at Fair** ~ **Canceled** with hopes of rescheduling or offering virtual sessions
- **May 18th ~ 4-H Open Ride Night - Trail & Ranch Practice** ~ **Tentatively running as planned**

Current FAQ's

With information changing quickly and the near future of programming and events surrounded with uncertainty it is only natural that everyone has a lot of questions. Here are the ones we are hearing the most right now. If you have additional questions, please reach out!



County vs. State vs. CSU vs. 4-H regulations?

We are doing our best to follow all of the above! CSU and State 4-H came out with the first round of suggestions and regulations and after updates from the county we are following their guidelines as well. This is why we so appreciate your patience in all of this so we as an extension office can do our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. [Douglas County Website](#)

Super Saturday?

We were so excited to have a great day filled with contests, however, this will have to be postponed for now. Those few contests that qualify for State conference in June will have updates soon so that youth can schedule in appointments to come into the office and compete with a limited group of individuals. We are looking at options to run all other contests later this summer, perhaps with Rocket Fly day as well!

MQA Training?

As of right now, and again, things are changing by the hour, we are planning on holding MQA training. The schedule will be changed and will now run over the span of four days to ensure we can get everyone certified. Wednesday April 22nd through Saturday April 25th. New RSVPs will be created and I will be working with everyone to ensure that only a small amount of youth are testing at any time and we will be fully disinfecting between testing groups.

Goat & Sheep Tag-In?

Don't worry, we have not forgotten about this! We are working on this in partnership with the fairgrounds and fairboard. We will be sure to send out updated instructions

just as soon as we get all the logistics sorted out!

FAIR?!

As of right now we have no reason to believe the Douglas County Fair will not run as planned and be as amazing as ever! We are advising families and youth to work on their projects as they normally would and focus on enjoying the process and learning as much as possible!

Educational Opportunities & Staying Connected?

We are hard at work across the state and in Douglas County to bring 4-H youth educational resources digitally. We will be investigating digital meetings, video workshops, interactive games, etc. We have an amazing 4-H community here in Douglas County and we want to help the youth and families stay as connected as possible through all of this! Keep an eye on the Douglas County 4-H Facebook page for fun and interactive things! For those who do not have social media see a message from our own DC Youth Council President below. Additionally, if you know of a family in our community who does not have easy access to digital learning, please let us or your club leader know and we will work with that family directly on staying connected.

Deadlines & Member in Good Standing?

We want to focus on what 4-H is really all about: positive youth development, education, and supporting our youth. With this in mind some deadlines might be extended or changed based on current events. Similarly, with most club meetings suspended things like demos, attendance, community service, etc. become difficult. I will be working with the org leaders to figure out what makes sense for each club. Please do your best to stay active and participate in a safe and reasonable way. This can be as easy as staying in email contact with your leaders, having your youth call a fellow club member for advice on a project, participating in county wide digital activities, videoing your demo and sending to your leader, giving a talk about why community service is so important, etc.

Shooting Sports Hunter Safety Card

This deadline will be extended. We are not yet setting a final date as we do not know what is to come over the next few days and weeks. If things settle down we will aim for mid-May. The most important thing to note is while this deadline has been extended youth still cannot participate in 4-H related shooting sports activities until that card has been earned and uploaded. This rule is a state rule based around safety. More information will be coming as to county and state shoot qualifications.

More Questions? Call or email! We are here for you!



DC Photo Project

From December:

Hi everyone! Because of the virus going around, a lot of 4-H activities have been canceled, the extension office and I are working on finding ways to stay connected virtually so that we don't risk spreading anything.

Over the next few weeks you can submit your favorite 4-h photos, photos of you working on your project, and photos of your animals. I will arrange them all into a scrapbook and the office and I will post them for all of Douglas county 4-H to enjoy!

Thanks

December

Douglas County 4-H Youth Council
President

[Submit Photos Here](#)

30 DAY 4-H HYGGE CHALLENGE



30 Day 4-H Hygge Challenge

In addition to the county photo project we are also participating in the state wide 30 Day 4-H Hygge Challenge!

Hygge is the Danish practice of mindfulness and finding joy in the simple things. Join in the 30 Day 4-H Hygge Challenge and share a picture of you completing the challenge along with [#4HHygge](#)

So have some fun with it and share with your fellow 4-Hers!

Each day's prompt will be posted on the facebook page in the morning!



Watch with us LIVE

CHICK CAM IS COMING!

Name a Chick Contest - March 17-April 6

Incubator Set-Up Demonstration - March 17

Candling Demonstration - March 27

Live Hatching Stream - April 6-10

[HTTPS://DOUGLAS.EXTENSION.COLOSTATE.EDU/CHICK-CAM/](https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/chick-cam/)





County Resources

Douglas County Website

Tri-County Health

COVID-19 & Animals

DC 4-H Facebook Page

Updated 4-H Calendar



4-H Resources

Animal E-Records

General Project E-Records

CSU 4-H Exhibit Requirement

Animal Care and Housing
Form

Order General Project
Manuals

Order Animal Project Manuals



4-H Youth in Action Awards

National 4-H Council introduced a new application season for the 4-H Youth in Action program! We've heard from Extension professionals and students that spring is a

better time for youth to apply for scholarships, so we've shifted our application season to better support 4-H'ers and professionals alike. From now until April 27, youth can share their stories of developing passion, finding purpose, and inspiring others by [applying here](#) for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards for a chance to earn a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C.!

4-H OFFICE STAFF

Kirsten Cowan - 4-H Livestock Agent

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Sylvia Worcester- Office Administrative Assistant

Kyle Christensen - CSU Extension Director

MEMBER ACCOMMODATIONS: If your child is a member who will need accommodations at any 4-H

event, please make an appointment with our office to discuss his/her individual needs. Any accommodation must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of the event. A verifying letter from a parent or guardian may be required before any accommodation is provided.



Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.