

April 9, 2020

Arkansas 4-H leaders and members,

We are continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation and how it will affect the 4-H program in the upcoming months. We know it has been a whirlwind Spring for all of you considering the decisions school and organizational leaders have had to make regarding current and upcoming events. During this time, we must keep the safety and well-being of you and our employees in mind and you already know face-to-face 4-H meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

The specialists at the state office have been considering how this pandemic has already affected you and how our current decisions will affect you in the future. Below are state and national 4-H events that have already been affected (and a few that have not). Please keep in mind the events marked postponed may eventually have to be cancelled.

Events that have NOT been cancelled or postponed

- **Poultry Chain delivery – Scharidi has sent specifics to all county offices on proper protocol for pickup and delivery to 4-H'ers.**
- **4-H Food Plot Project – Go to the 4-H Enrollment & Registration page to sign up.**
- **4-H Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest – Seeds are being delivered directly to the 4-H'ers.**
- **4-H Poster Art Contest – entries due May 22**
- **4-H Ross Photo Contest – entries due April 17**

Cancelled or Postponed Arkansas 4-H Events

- **Sr. Shooting Sports Championships - postponed**
- **WHEP – postponed**
- **Poultry BBQ Contests – Postponed – See [4-H Calendar](#)**
- **4-H Food Challenge - postponed**
- **State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – postponed – Online Practice Contest April 30 (will not replace the contest)**

Cancelled or Postponed National 4-H Events

- **4-H Conference (April 9-14) – Postponed - Rescheduled for September**
- **Seaperch International – Cancelled - (May 29-31)**
- **National Shooting Sports Championships – Cancelled - (June 21-26)**
- **Citizenship Washington Focus - Cancelled**
- **WHEP National Contest – Cancelled - (July 19-22)**

The Arkansas 4-H office will make an announcement on May 1 with firm decisions regarding events not listed.

We have not taken these difficult decisions lightly and are working to make the best choices we can while keeping you, our employees and the community-at-large in our focus. Your perseverance, tenacity and grit are inspiring – keep working to make the best better!