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Dear 4-H'er,

As you may be aware, due to precautions regarding COVID-19, the 2020 Edgar County 4-H Fair will be an online virtual show this year. No in-person judging or events will be held. Though we are very disappointed we won't be seeing your smiling faces and enjoying the fair as usual, we know this decision made by the State 4-H Office is in the best interest of our members, staff and families.

As an exhibitor at the 4-H Fair, you will register your projects as usual at fairentry.com. Most general project participants will upload photos of their project, along with the 4-H Project Report. A few general projects require videos, along with the 4-H Project Report. Livestock exhibitors must upload a short video for each class. You will be able to upload your photos directly to fairentry.com, however videos must be uploaded to a separate site:

<https://uofi.app.box.com/f/5e55ceed2f6c459bbbc8c66901d6e425>. Remember you must prepare your project according to the instructions in the Edgar County 4-H Handbook as usual, but also follow the entry instructions in the Virtual Show Upload Requirements and Tip Sheet at go.illinois.edu/edgarvirtualfair. Cloverbuds will also register and exhibit their project using the fairentry.com program.

The dates to register and upload your projects are July 2-14. You may log in to fairentry.com after July 24 to view your project placings and the judges' comments.

We will continue our same award and recognition system, including selection of state fair delegates, though there are a few classes that will not be offered this year. Be sure to check the Virtual Show Upload Requirements before beginning a project.

Don't forget that first year members exhibiting poultry, rabbits, dogs, cats, and horses are required to complete the one-time Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) training at web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec. Members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep and goats must complete the yearly Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training (YQCA) at yqca.org. Both trainings must be completed by July 8. Members not completing these requirements will be removed from the project.

There is good news for the Food and Livestock Auctions! The 4-H Association will be conducting a premium-only auction through sconlinesales.com. Please mark in fairentry.com if you plan to participate. Watch the virtual page website (go.illinois.edu/edgarvirtualfair) for complete details and instructions.

Though our office is not open to the public at this time, please know we will be available during regular business hours should you have questions during the registration/upload period. You may contact Maria Crandall, 4-H Program Coordinator at maria89@illinois.edu or Rebecca Schiver, Office Support Associate at schiver@illinois.edu. You may also leave a message on the office phone – 217-465-8585.

Thank you for working with us through this different time. This year, we are all learning by doing!

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