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Dear 4-H Family,

It's almost 4-H Show time....and do you know what that means? It's time to register your project exhibits for the 2021 Edgar County 4-H Show! We're excited and hope you are too.

Our show will be in-person this year and we are counting on you, our 4-H members and families, as well as our staff and volunteers to help make this show season a safe and successful one! The following COVID-19 social distancing and safety practices reflect requirements of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and University of Illinois event guidelines and will be in place for all indoor and outdoor 4-H events, including shows and exhibitions:

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff. Face shields and goggles are not currently IDPH approved. If you are not able to wear a mask for medical reasons, we ask that you seek an accommodation for the event by contacting Maria Crandell at maria89@illinois.edu on or before June 21, 2021.
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, and loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact us directly at 217-465-8585. We are happy to discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth and families can safely participate in this event.

Show registrations are done online at www.fairentry.com. This website is linked to your 4-H Online family profile. All of the 4-H projects that you enrolled in are linked to the fair entry system too! We have included step by step instructions for you to register each of your 4-H member's exhibits for the show. There are just a few items in which we need to remind you.

- Deadlines are important and keep us on track. ***Show entry registration will open on MAY 15 and close on JUNE 15.*** The site will close at midnight on June 15. We know it's a busy time of year, but if you plan to exhibit at the show you must get your entries done by the June 15 deadline. If you have questions, please call us at 217-465-8585.
- When you go to fair entry to sign up for your projects, there will be a list of questions for you to answer before it will allow you to go on to the entry pages. Pen/Stall request questions will be in this area.
- A 2021 4-H Show schedule is enclosed. Many project evaluation times have changed! Please be sure to read your show schedule carefully. You are responsible to know when your project(s) are evaluated. If you have questions, or can't find your project on the schedule please call us! We are happy to help you.
- Be sure to check the Edgar County 4-H Handbook for your project exhibit guidelines. Updates

and changes have been posted to our website and can be found at go.illinois.edu/4hhandbook.

- Remember the 4-H Attendance Policy! For this year only, all 4-H'ers must attend one club meeting/event to be eligible to take part in 4-H exhibits at the show, the 4-H auction(s) or to receive 4-H premiums and awards. Projects will not be left at the fairgrounds for viewing. Instead, after judging is complete & state fair and award selections have been made, you will take your project home. No livestock will remain on the grounds overnight.
- Don't forget that swine, beef, sheep and goat exhibitors must take the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. An in-person training will be held on Wednesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. You may also take the training online. The deadline to complete the training is July 1. You must register for either type of training at yqca.org using your 4-H Online credentials. Cost of online training is \$12 and in-person training is \$3. Failure to complete the training will result in the inability to exhibit these projects at the 4-H Show.
- First time exhibitors of horses, rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats and veterinary and animal science projects are required to take the one-time Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) training before July 1. The online training is done at your own pace at web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec.

Please note that Cloverbuds do not have to register in faireentry.com. They will bring their projects to the 4-H Show on Friday, July 16 at 6 p.m. for evaluation. Also, due to low enrollment, there will not be a bicycle safety course exhibition this year. Members may still participate in the poster/exhibit portion of the project.

We look forward to seeing your project work and visiting with you at the show! See you then.

Sincerely,

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