Good news! Guidelines have changed with regards to mask wearing and other COVID related protocols. Masks are no longer required to be worn during any 4-H club meetings or events. However, physical distancing and sanitizing high-touch areas is still strongly encouraged.

In addition:

- Club meetings and events - including fundraisers, community service activities, local holiday parades and other community celebrations can take place.

- Host meetings and activities outdoors when possible.
  - Social distancing is encouraged.
  - A general rule of thumb is to have no more than 75% of typical occupancy.
    - For example: if a space typically holds 100 people, reduce the maximum number to 75 when possible.

- Food booths, food-based fundraisers, buffets, and potlucks are permitted.
  - Social distance while actively eating - at least 3-feet when possible.

- Face masks are strongly recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated.
  - “Strongly recommended” means the individual chooses to wear a mask or not.
  - Masks should fit snuggly around the mouth and nose and be worn appropriately to be effective.

- Please read the complete guidelines at https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected

News You Can Use:

1. **Project Presentation and Evaluation Day** for non-livestock projects will be held Friday, July 9, Radiant Lighthouse, Greenville. Complete details are available on the web: https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2021-project-presentation-and-evaluation-day  **Please note: this year members will be pre-registering for their interview times. If someone shows up for judging without an interview time, they will have to wait for an open slot or until the end of the day, whichever comes first.**
   a. Please review the state fair project judging information as it will look quite different this year. The link is available on the project presentation and evaluation day website.
2. **4-H Committee Scholarship Application**: The completed application is due to the Extension Office on June 15, 2021. See the website for details and a copy of the application. [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship)

3. **4-H Marketing Contest**: Know a creative 4-H'er? Get out your markers, crayons, colored pencils, computer graphic skills, and video expertise, then design an entry for the Marketing Division of state project judging! We're looking for thank you cards, holiday cards and infomercials and anyone can enter. Find the details under "Marketing Division" at [https://bit.ly/3v8DW90](https://bit.ly/3v8DW90)

4. **Pullorum Testing**: June 30 and July 12 from 6pm-9pm in the Horseshoe Building on the fairgrounds. Required for all birds older than 90 days or birds without hatch papers. Contact Cindy 937-417-3574 for additional information.

5. **Ohio State Fair Virtual and In-Person Skillathons**: Ohio Youth Skillathon information for VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON sessions is now online at: [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-youth-skillathons](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-youth-skillathons)

6. **VIRTUAL Skillathon Registration** is due by JUNE 14th, 2021! Register by visiting: [www.go.osu.edu/skillathonregistration](http://www.go.osu.edu/skillathonregistration)

   Please note:

   Those exhibiting at OSF and want to be eligible for **Outstanding Market Exhibitor** (OME) awards MUST participate at the IN-PERSON skillathons at the state fair

   Those exhibiting at OSF and want to be eligible for **Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor** (OBE) awards MUST participate in the VIRTUAL skillathons online

7. **Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Registration and Rules**: [https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/](https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/)

8. **Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Non-Livestock Judging Schedule**: [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/2021%20Schedule%20COVID%20to%20post_2.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/2021%20Schedule%20COVID%20to%20post_2.pdf) **Please note that some non-livestock judging events will take place at the Ohio 4-H Center on the OSU campus and not at the state fairgrounds. See the judging schedule for details.**

9. **Project Completion Requirements**: Need to know what is required in order to complete your non-livestock project? Go to the project resources page on our website. Check out the 2021 Project Requirement and Fair Completion Guidelines.
For those of you interested in competing at County Project and Evaluation Day for the honor of representing Darke County 4-H at the state fair, be sure to follow the state fair project evaluation guidelines. Check out the link to the state fair non-livestock guidebook.

https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources?fbclid=IwAR1gaQIIF0y24Tfr4rm1GOTXnNFA39gJPiAV2jgbemyYvE9sGslpWkJMhf0


11. Project Books: all 4-H project books may be purchased from our office. Please submit your orders in advance so that we have time to assemble your order prior to pick up. Orders can be emailed to Sherry at pearson.437@osu.edu

12. Club Officer Resources: Several resources are available online for your club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. Please share these resources with your club officers. https://ohio4h.org/officerresources

13. Darke County United Way: Did you know that you can designate your United Way pledge to be given to the Darke County 4-H program? Simply write “Darke County 4-H” on the designation line.

14. Amazon Smile: Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844 and Amazon donates to the Darke County 4-H Committee. (It comes up as The Ohio State University, but donations go to our 4-H program!)

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