

News Column for Immediate Use or Next Issue
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Extension Response to COVID-19

In alignment with K-State Research and Extension recommendations, local and District programs, meetings, events, and activities regardless of group size cannot meet face-to-face between now and May 16, 2020. This includes, but is not limited to, 4-H Club meetings, council meetings, and committee correspondence. This also includes project-based learning, shows, events, and activities directed toward 4-H youth development and other extension audiences.

Our team is committed to effectively conducting business through technology-based platforms or to reschedule programs to future dates. As of Monday, March 16, 2020 our River Valley Offices remain open for normal business hours. To help protect our staff and our customers we recommend calling the office rather than simply walking in. From those phone calls we will make arrangements to meet the needs within protocols and best practices from Kansas State University and our health professionals.

If your local organization needs to meet via distance technology, but you do not have the means to conduct such a meeting, then please do not hesitate to contact our team for assistance to make those happen.

We appreciate your help with protecting the health, wellness and safety of our communities and families. I will provide updates as recommendations change. Please follow us on Facebook (@RVED4) or refer to our website at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/> for future and current updates. In the meantime, everyone please observe the best practices we know to date to prevent the spread of this virus. John Forshee, District Extension Director.

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