

Hi 4-H Family,

Thank you for your continued flexibility and patience in working through changes in our 4-H program during these challenging times. Below you will find information on the county 4-H program, upcoming meetings, and additional upcoming educational opportunities.

As a reminder, all in-person 4-H meetings, programs, and events through September 1 are to be postponed, rescheduled, moved to video conference, or canceled. There are many questions as to how this applies to the Eaton County Fair with how 4-H clubs, volunteers, and members normally partner and participate in the fair. Unfortunately, I do not have answers yet. I appreciate your continued patience with allowing time for our Extension leadership team to provide guidance and for fair board, myself, and the county associations to figure things out for this year. If you have any questions, feedback, or assistance needed in the county 4-H program, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/vYdEAoQzbhCLAAjr5>

Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:

**Please note: We are attempting to keep the Events Calendar as up to date as possible at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar.

- Spring Leader Update Meeting on Monday, 4/27, at 6pm, moved to video conference. Join the meeting on 4/27 at 6pm by clicking this link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/669807625> password: update
NOTE: This meeting normally shares a lot of fair information. Due to the ever changing circumstances, this meeting will be more of a question/answer type format and will not be as formal. Fair board and myself will likely not have all the answers for fair that we are normally able to provide at this meeting. We welcome this as a space to gather your questions and please be patient as we work through these challenging times.
- 4-H Council meeting on Monday, 5/4, moved to video conference. Join the meeting on 5/4 at 7pm by clicking this link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/429657657> password: council
- DIY Spa Products SPIN Club: Students 9-13 are invited to join us as we learn how to use botanicals to make all-natural skin care products. We will introduce the basics of plant science, stress management and entrepreneurship through interactive activities. Students will learn how to use the power of plants to make their own bath bombs, sugar scrubs, lip balms and more! This club is being moved to occur virtually. Reserve your spot by contacting Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu.
- **NEW** Virtual Gardening SPIN Club May 20 & 27, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 4pm - 5pm. Do you love to garden? Are you interested in understanding what plants need to grow, and why? Join the 4-H Gardening SPIN club! We'll cover plant science, nutrition, fresh food preparation, and more! We are planning that Eaton County youth will be able to pick up supply kits from the nearest approved pick up location before the club starts, all state guidelines at the time will be followed. If the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Order is extended past the start date, the club will be rescheduled for a later date. There are a limited number of seeds available for registered participants. Reserve your spot by contacting Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu

Michigan 4-H Mask Project

As the novel coronavirus pandemic grips the world, the Michigan 4-H community has stepped up to help. Cloth face coverings are among the strategies to protect against virus spread and 4-H families across the state have sewn homemade cloth face coverings to protect the public, essential workers, and healthcare workforce. To date, more than 2,400 cloth face coverings had been donated to more 25 different organizations.

Though an amazing feat, **the need is still great.** MSU Extension has a goal of providing 5,000 cloth face coverings for area community members. Fortunately, the Michigan 4-H community is as great as the need! Join us in working together to address this need and more! Our newly launched **Michigan 4-H Mask Project site has instructions for making and donating to our efforts – check it out today!** If you have made masks and donated them to other organizations, please fill out the survey found on page 2 so that the state office can see all our efforts!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/4-H-Mask-Project/

Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:

- From Tree to TP: Discover the science behind how toilet paper is made! Thursday, April 30 at 6pm; geared toward youth age 8 -14. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TP/> (registration closes April 29)
- Join Michigan and Kentucky 4-H on May 5th at 5pm EST/ 4pm CST (registration required) as we host a Virtual Children's Day Celebration! Japanese Children's Day is the final celebration in Golden Week. Children's Day is reserved to celebrate children's personalities and individual strengths and to wish happiness upon them. We will have a guest speaker from Japan who will share the history of the holiday, we will make the traditional origami helmet, share other Children's Day crafts, and teach a Japanese song. We hope that you can join us! Please complete the registration form by May 4th: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zyqw9XUwkUG3FX
- World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute: Now an online educational experience. Register today, the event is May 7 via Zoom Conference. For more information, visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>

Email and our county Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/>) will continue to be the main sources of information sent out from our county office. I highly recommend making sure you have liked the Facebook page and marked "See First" and "Notifications On" under the follow settings so that you see our posts (Facebook's algorithm sometimes does not show page posts in newsfeeds, so this is the best way to ensure you will see all posts)! You can also find these update emails on our newsletter website for reference. Please follow the most recent letter posted for guidance on changes from the state and from our organization. You can find them at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter.

You may see many meetings or educational opportunities moved to video conference. The platform that MSU Extension uses is Zoom. You can join Zoom meetings from your computer or phone (via the app) using the specific links provided for the different opportunities. To download Zoom, visit <https://zoom.us/download>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me.

Thanks,

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