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Dear Cheryl,

Due to ongoing concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, OSU president, Michael V. Drake, announced the university extended the date for cancellations of all university events to Monday, July 6. **ANY university event scheduled between now and July 6 will be canceled, and no new university events will be scheduled until that time. This includes all face-to-face OSU Extension events and programs. Virtual programs and events are still being held.**

Unfortunately, this means 4-H events and programs will also be impacted. Youth events organized and managed by OSU (such as camps) are now canceled through August 31. However, we also partner and support multiple youth events such as fairs. For those events, we defer to local decision-makers and Governor DeWine's administration. The decisions regarding how fairs will be held are determined by 1) Local departments of health, commissioners, and ag societies; and 2) Governor DeWine's administration.

We have made repeated inquiries at the state level requesting a clear decision regarding June and July fairs but there are many priorities at this time. 4-H and FFA support the education and development of youth for the fairs, but the decision about whether fairs will occur is in the hands of other partners. If a fair is to be held, we will monitor and negotiate for the health and safety of our staff and youth participants and we are geared up to support and be prepared should fairs move forward and to pivot, should they not.

We value the courage our leaders are demonstrating and know that all of us want what is best in the long run for the youth, families, and communities we serve every day. Thank you for your ongoing support of our 4-H programs, OSU Extension, and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

#inthistogether,

Stay healthy and safe,

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