

## Update Regarding the Butler County Fair

Greetings! We know there have been lots of questions regarding the Butler County Fair! Planning for the 2020 Butler County Fair continues. With the health and safety of all participants and Fair attendees remaining the top priority this will ensure we are in alignment with federal, state and local guidance related to Covid-19.

A phased plan has been approved by the Butler County Fair Board and Butler County Extension Board through guidance offered by the Butler County Health Department and Butler County Administrator. The final decision for operational phase for 4-H exhibits at the 2020 Butler County Fair will be made the evening of July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase 1:** All 4-H projects will be 100 % virtual. Virtual means that projects will still be judged, but done so by photo and/or video format. Judges' comments will be recorded and provided to the exhibitors.

**Phase 2:** All static 4-H projects will be virtual. Static exhibits cannot be held in-person due to no activities in enclosed buildings per recommendations by the Butler County Health Department under guidance and recommendations from CDC. Virtual means that projects will still be judged, but done by photo and/or video format. Judges' comments will be recorded and provided to the exhibitors. Livestock shows will be hosted in a spring show style format and no livestock will be kept on the grounds overnight. Animals will have designated show days to abide by social distancing requirements.

**Phase 3:** All static 4-H projects will be judged in conference judging style by scheduled time and projects will go home immediately following judging. Livestock shows will be hosted in a spring show style format and no livestock will be kept on the grounds overnight. Animals will have designated show days to abide by social distancing requirements.

**Phase 4/Phase Out:** Static 4-H projects will be judged and displayed. Livestock/Poultry/Pigeons in at normal times, allowed to stall in barns. Fair as close to normal as possible.

\*\*Please watch for information from the Butler County Fair board as it relates to Open Class projects and exhibits. \*\*

### **Social distancing will still be in effect no matter what phase we are in.**

The Fair is still slated to take place July 18-22, with set-up on July 17<sup>th</sup> and clean-up on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are continuing to move forward as planned with modifications. If any changes should need to be made, those will be communicated through our social media outlet (website and Facebook) along with emails to our 4-H families.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2020 Butler County Fair while maintaining the health and safety of all participants and Fair attendees!