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MEMO

TO: New Jersey Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors

FROM: Erin Noble, *State Program Leader for Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, State FFA Advisor*

CC: Kristianne Dowd, *State FFA Specialist*

DATE: May 6, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (as of May 6)

Below is an update on how events will be administered through August. Please know these plans are subject to change as more information is provided.

- **State Officer Travel** All staff and state officer business travel will continue to be limited until further notice.
- **PA DAY CDEs** (April 30) POSTPONED to be held online May 11-13. Only chapters who submitted registration by April 1 can participate.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (May 11) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom May 11.
- **State FFA Officer Selection Process** (May 20-22) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom May 18-19. State Officer Candidates will receive an updated schedule.
- **State FFA Convention** (May 20-22) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Visit the Ag Education Bulletin Board for the updated schedule.
- **New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Council Meeting** (May 20) MODIFIED to be held via Zoom May 20.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (June 1) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom June 1
- **CDE/LDE Declaration Forms due** (June 1) POSTPONED to be submitted August 1
- **Participant List for Summer CDEs** (June 1) CANCELED due to the cancellation of the Burlington County Farm Fair, Tractor Driving and Dairy Handlers are canceled with no plans to conduct the events in 2020.
- **State Officer Capstone** (June 6) MODIFIED to be held virtually via Zoom June 6
- **State Officer Leadership Training** (June 6-7) MODIFIED to be held virtually via Zoom June 6-7
- **State FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting** (June 10) MODIFIED to be held virtually via Zoom June 10
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (June 15) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **FFA Golf Tournament** CANCELED with no plans to conduct it in 2020.
- **BLAST Off** (June 24-26) MODIFIED to be held virtually June 24-26
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (July 6) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State FFA Executive Board Work Session** (July 13) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State FFA Foundation Meeting** (July 14) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **Tractor Driving Event** (July 14) CANCELED with no plans to conduct the events in 2020
- **Dairy Handlers Event** (July 18) CANCELED with no plans to conduct the events in 2020

- **State Officer Summit** (19-23) MODIFIED to be held virtually
- **Check Point #1** (July 28-31) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conduct** (August 1) POSTPONED to be submitted by September 1
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (August 3) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting** (August 12) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **Big E Materials** (August 15) CANCELED The Big E has canceled all in-person FFA events for 2020. However, plans are being made to possibly hold selected events virtually. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- **State FFA Executive Board Work Session** (August 17) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **Note: All other calendar dates/deadlines not specifically mentioned in this message remain in effect at this time.**

Thank you for the work you are doing to provide these opportunities to your students. Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times. Please continue to provide us with school district policy updates that impact your program. Communication is key for us to make decisions for the good of the all.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or if our staff can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,



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