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TO: New Jersey Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors

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DATE: August 14, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (as of August 14)

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we recognize a lot of uncertainty still exists. We continue to be committed to providing quality educational experiences for FFA members statewide and are making the best decisions we can for the good of the all and with health and safety at the forefront of our minds. The Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. The State FFA Executive Board took action on events through the calendar year. Please see below for a brief outline of these actions. More details for events can be found in its respective announcements located on the Ag Education Bulletin Board and State Activity Guide.

Below is an update on how events will be administered through December. Please know these plans are subject to change.

- **State Officer Travel** All staff and state officer business travel will continue to be limited through December 31. Travel will be decided on a case by case basis.
- **Member of the Month Application** (September 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (September 14) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **Eastern States Exposition** (September 18-19) CANCELED Information about a Virtual Stars Program will be shared directly with chapters that have eligible participants.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (September 21) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **Fall Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Professional Development Conference** (September 25) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom
- **Star State Award Applications** (September 30) No change. Applications are due via ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov.
- **Program Affiliation Contracts** (September 30) No change.
- **Member of the Month Application** (October 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **Chapter Officer Lists** (October 1) No change. Lists are due via JotForm.
- **Leadership Experience And Development** (October 3) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Programming will be delivered both asynchronously and synchronously. Asynchronous materials will be available starting on September 28.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (October 5) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State FFA Foundation Meeting** (October 13) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.

- **State FFA Alumni Meeting** (October 14) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (October 19) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **93rd National FFA Convention & Expo** (October 28-31) MODIFIED to be held virtually October 27-29.
- **Membership Rosters** (November 1) No change at this time. Rosters are to be submitted via ffa.org.
- **Alumni & Supporters Roster, Affiliation Agreement & Payment Due** (November 1) No change at this time. Rosters are to be submitted via ffa.org.
- **Member of the Month** (November 1) No change at this time. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (November 9) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State Officer Work Session** (November 16) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **Fall Career Development Events** (November 17-19) MODIFIED to be hosted online.
- **Member of the Month** (December 1) No change at this time. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **Program of Activities** (December 1) No change at this time. POAs are to be completed in AET and submitted via email to ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov.
- **Chapter Constitution** (December 1) No change at this time. Constitutions are due via email to ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov.
- **212° Conference** (December 5) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **State Association Meeting** (December 7) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State Alumni Meeting** (December 9) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **State Officer Work Session** (December 21) 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.**

Our goal is to continue delivering statewide FFA events with as much normalcy as possible while respecting everyone's situation. We continue to ask for patience, understanding and cooperation. Please continue to provide us with school district policy updates that impact your program.

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

Respectfully,



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