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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*

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DATE: February 5, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Plan (as of February 5)

COVID-19 continues to impact the delivery options for our educational programming. However, that impact has not affected our purpose for providing quality leadership and career development opportunities to our students and teachers. With careful consideration, the State FFA Executive Board took action on events through June 30. 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 as they become available.

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

- **State Officer Travel** All staff and state officer business travel will continue to be limited through June 30. Travel will be decided on a case by case basis.
- **Member of the Month Application** (April 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **April 1 Applications** (April 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm, AET or FFA Application Manager. Additional submission information will be provided shortly. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR SPRING BREAK SCHEDULES.
- **Honorary American Degree for Teachers** (April 1) No change. Applications are due via ffa.org.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (April 5) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **State FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting & Retiring Address Workshop** (April 7) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate as more information becomes available.
- **Application Judging by State Awards Selection Committee** (April 8) MODIFIED to be held virtually.
- **State FFA Foundation Meeting** (April 13) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **Spring Career Development Events** (April 13-15) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Events will be held via ClassMarker. Ag Sales will be held via Zoom and ClassMarker. Dates have been extended to accommodate hybrid and remote learning schedules.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (April 19) No change.
- **Dairy Evaluation & Horse Evaluation Career Development Events** (April 20-22) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Events will be held via ClassMarker and livestockjudging.com. Dates have been extended to accommodate hybrid and remote learning schedules.
- **Food Science & Technology, Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation & Poultry Evaluation CDEs** (April 27-29) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Events will be held via ClassMarker and livestockjudging.com. Dates have been extended to accommodate hybrid and remote learning schedules.

- **Agriscience Fair** (April 28) MODIFIED to be held virtually.
- **Member of the Month Application** (May 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **State Officer Applications Due** (May 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (May 3) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (May 10) No change.
- **State FFA Convention** (May 26-28) MODIFIED to be held virtually. Additional information will be provided shortly.
- **New Jersey Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Meeting** (May 26) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting** (May 26) TBD
- **Member of the Month Application** (June 1) No change. Applications are due via JotForm.
- **State FFA Association Meeting** (June 7) MODIFIED to be held online via Zoom.
- **State FFA Alumni & Supporters Meeting** (June 9) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate.
- **Past State Officer Capstone** (June 12) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate.
- **State Officer Leadership Training** (June 12-13) No change at this time. Will continue to evaluate.
- **State FFA Officer Work Session** (June 21) No change.
- **19th Annual New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament** (June 29) No change.
- **Base Camp for State Officers** (June 30 – July 2) No change.
- **Note: All other calendar dates/deadlines not specifically mentioned in this message remain in effect at this time or may be the decision of a partner organization.**

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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