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Extension Programming during COVID-19

Extension continues to follow the guidance of the CDC, Wisconsin DHS, the governor, and the UW-Madison campus. Right now the best guidance is physical distancing and isolating the COVID-19 virus. Limiting contact limits the spread of the virus.

Our priority is the health of ourselves, our coworkers, our neighbors, and everyone in our communities. Extension educators are telecommuting and ready to answer questions or assist with any educational information that you may need.

Our work throughout this pandemic has been effective. We've been keeping youth and older populations connected. We are providing loan and grant tools for non-profits, businesses, and farmers. We are giving guidance to farmers to assist with operations. We are providing financial resources for families impacted by financial turmoil. Those efforts are still needed by our communities and remain a focus of Extension moving forward.

Managing a farm during COVID-19 – resources for farm employers and employees

The COVID-19 pandemic has become much more serious and has brought the need for business health, safety and continuity planning to the forefront. Now is the time to communicate with employees and family members regarding plans to keep them safe, healthy, and working. "While much of the negative impact on agriculture by COVID-19 is out of our control, there are things you can do now to reduce or prevent the impact of COVID-19 on the health and productivity of your farm," said Jim Versweyveld, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Walworth County Agriculture Educator. "First and foremost, please take care of yourself. Secondly, Extension has many resources for managing a farm during COVID-19 at our website—<https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/coronavirus>."

Dunn County Buildings to Remain Closed to the Public

The Dunn County Government Center will remain closed to the general public (except by appointment) until further notice. The public will be notified in the event of any change to this policy.

Members of the public may enter Dunn County buildings by appointment only. Anyone entering the building will need to answer health screening questions and wear a mask during their appointment. Persons needing to do business with Extension can call 715-232-1636 to schedule an appointment. The buildings will remain locked and customers with pre arranged appointments will be given instructions on safety practices.

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