

**SENT ON BEHALF of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Director Dr. Jeff Hyde**

Extension colleagues,

During this time of COVID 19 we understand that employees and their families are experiencing additional stress. We encourage you to seek support through the Employee Assistance Program. The EAP has many resources, including individual counseling, available to address a variety of work/life issues.

Guidance Resources:

Website: <http://www.guidanceresources.com>

**WEBID: TAMUS**

**Phone: 1-866-301-9623**

### **Programming**

In a previous agency update, it was communicated that April 17<sup>th</sup> would be a potential date to resume face to face meetings and other program activities. However, in a concerted effort to protect the health and safety of all Extension employees and communities from the spread of COVID-19, no face to face programming and meetings will be held through **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. This follows the Governor's order announced today closing schools until May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reporting**

A reminder about Texas COVID 19 Pandemic Time Reporting: All agents and specialists will report daily time and effort related to COVID-19 at the following Qualtrics link:

[https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8q8zVGf083MSeUJ](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q8zVGf083MSeUJ)

This report does not replace Texas data reporting.

### **Operation Face Mask**

[Guidelines to Operation Face Mask](#) have been established and are available on the Texas Eden Employee site (pwd: 77843). The project is in response to the shortage of Personal Protection Equipment. Extension has enlisted Texas Extension Education Association members, 4-H members, 4-H Ambassadors, Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors, Master Clothing Volunteers and Master Wellness Volunteers. These groups have already been actively involved producing homemade face masks meeting CDC guidelines requirements.

In just the first week of implementation, more than 764 masks have been distributed, mostly locally in their counties in the first week. Contact Joyce Cavanagh ([jacavanagh@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jacavanagh@ag.tamu.edu)) for instructions and guidelines. Thank you for your rapid response in filling a critical need throughout our state!

## **Updated COVID-19 Social Media Content Schedule**

A content schedule for AgriLife Extension social media accounts has been updated. To access the calendar, visit the [Extension Social Media](#) document to share posts and other information.

Agency social media feeds:

- Twitter: @txextension
- Facebook: @agrilifeextension

Reminder: The COVID-19 AgriLife Extension web hub provides information and resources on the agency website. Visit <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/coronavirus> for more on Health, Parenting & Child Activities, Food & Nutrition, Self-Reliance, Emergency Preparedness and more.

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