



March 24, 2020

To: County Commissioners and Supervisors, State of Nebraska

Greetings,

As I mentioned last week in my March 17 letter to you, our county partners, Nebraska Extension is fully committed to the health and well-being of Nebraskans and seeks to work with you to minimize the impact of this coronavirus disease on our state.

On March 18, the following guidance was provided by Chancellor Ronnie Green and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln:

We are asking supervisors to ensure that all of our employees able to work from home plan to do so starting Monday, March 23. This applies to all UNL employees (those receiving a paycheck from UNL) including all campus, county and Research and Extension Center-based faculty and staff.

As a result, the Extension professionals assigned to your county will be working remotely effective Monday March 23. We have asked each of our Unit Leaders to connect with you or your County Clerk as well as your Extension Board to provide the best possible Extension programming and service possible under these circumstances.

We have also asked our Unit Leaders to make the following arrangements:

1. Communicate office closure status to clientele and emphasize that Nebraska Extension is still open for information, consultations and problem-solving.
2. Ask office staff to communicate clientele requests to Extension professionals who will respond in a variety of modes (phone, e-mail, text, social media, videoconference, etc).
3. Remind Nebraskans that the entire Nebraska Extension network of professionals and a wide array of research-based information can be accessed at extension.unl.edu.
4. Encourage Nebraskans to access our Extension programs provided on-line (as an example, please check out <https://4h.unl.edu/living-room-learning>).

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns or would just like to chat (402-540-5932).

Thank you for your continuing support!

Sincerely,

Chuck Hibberd, Dean and Director
Nebraska Extension