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## **District FFA Convention Alternative Scheduling**

The Iowa FFA Association's District FFA Conventions planned for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> will occur as scheduled, but only with components that are considered essential to state programming. The essential components identified include the annual meeting of voting delegates and state qualifying career development events (CDEs).

The Iowa FFA Association is actively monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in the United States and in Iowa. The most current information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) are being utilized to direct decisions and actions. At this time, IDPH is not recommending the cancellation of events or extracurricular activities. Current information on coronavirus impact in Iowa can be found at: <https://www.idph.iowa.gov/>.

The Iowa FFA Association has held regular communication with the host sites of District FFA Conventions. Collaborative efforts have been made to follow the guidelines for mass gatherings and large events as provided by the CDC.

The Iowa FFA Association will remain responsive to the recommendations and requirements from the CDC and IDPH. The organization advises all participants in Saturday's events to follow standard health precautions. Participants who are sick are instructed to stay home.