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As you are aware, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) continue to monitor the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The leadership of the NY FFA, NYAAE, and Cornell University have been proactively working with local and state public health organizations to monitor the coronavirus outbreak and to minimize future community spread as well as to protect the health and safety of our agricultural communities.

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues, we regret to inform you that this weekend's <u>FFA regional Substate competitions have been CANCELLED.</u>

Effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020 we will be postponing or cancelling all large group scholastic gatherings, events/conferences and travel for our FFA Officers, State Staff, and Agricultural Education Leadership through April 5, 2020. We will reassess these events/travel restrictions no later than April 5, 2020, and will update you as soon as information is available.

We are exploring our options to reschedule postponed or cancelled events, and hope to have a new plan in place very soon.

While we understand that this cancellation is disruptive and disappointing, it is essential that we prioritize the health and safety of everyone involved within our organization – including students, advisors, chaperones, stakeholders and staff – and we take that role seriously.

We thank you for your understanding and patience. Should you have any immediate concerns, please contact us.

Best Wishes.

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