

## COVID-19: CDE/LDE Invitational

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### 2020 CDE/LDE Invitational Statement

*\*All activities and dates will be reviewed and updated  
based on CDC, Local Health, and Governmental Policies*

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It is with a heavy heart that we have made the decision to cancel the 2020 NYS FFA Convention. We understand the impact that this will have on our students and advisors and we did not come to this decision lightly. With this in mind, we are working to still give our students and advisors some of the same opportunities and recognition just in a different way. Below are the contingency plans for CDE/LDE's that would have been conducted at the NYS FFA Convention:

**Career and Leadership Development Events Contingency Plan:** In place of holding the contests at sub-states and state convention, we will host the **NY FFA CDE/LDE Invitational**. We have determined that with the unknown length of school closures and the spread of COVID-19, at this time we will no longer host this event at the end of June. This event will take place the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> during the state fair. The location of this event will be at the state fair and/or a Syracuse area hotel depending on availability and space requirements. For logistical and resource constraints, we will only be conducting CDE/LDE's that move on to national convention. Any LDE/CDE that does not move onto national convention could be held at the state fair on a case by case basis after consultation with the CDE/LDE committee and the contest coordinators of each contest. If the CDE/LDE Committee and/or the contest coordinator doesn't think we can do the contest at the State Fair, then that contest will not be held this year.

The first and second place LDE winners (if a final ranking wasn't given, the top individuals from each flight will move on. If there was more than 2 flights then there will be a virtual run off conducted by the district to determine the top 2 individuals.) from each district will be invited to compete in contests at the **NYS FFA CDE/LDE Invitational** that move on to nationals. These contests are Agricultural Issues Forum, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Employment Skills, Junior Creed Speaking (6th graders do not qualify), Parliamentary Procedure, Senior Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and Senior Prepared Public Speaking.

Students participating in contests that **only occur at State Convention** will have a pre-qualifying online exam that will take place in advance. We are working with the Contest Coordinators to develop these exams and anticipate scheduling the exams in June. The Top 50% of teams will be invited to participate in the **NYS FFA CDE/LDE invitational**. These contests are Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Sales, Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems, Agriscience Fair, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Forestry, Marketing Plan, Talent and Veterinary Science. Schools are limited to 1 team per event. Students are not allowed to compete in more than 2 contests (if for some reason we cannot accommodate this due to scheduling or facilities issues we will notify the advisor that

the student will need to choose, for example Forestry CDE is an all-day contest). Please check your email for updates regarding the **NYS FFA CDE/LDE Invitational**.

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