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March/April 2020 Newsletter

Dear WRCEFS Community,
Below you will find information related to WRCEFS events, PSA training, save the date information, relevant resources, job opportunities, and USDA-NIFA updates.

WRCEFS Event Changes

With the current status of the Coronavirus outbreak, WRCEFS has changed the two in-person events planned for May to virtual events.

Our 1-day Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12th** and the half-day PSA/WRCEFS Professional Development Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, May 27th**.

To register for the annual meeting, please click [here](#). Please note that attendance to the annual meeting is on an invite only basis. A password is needed to complete registration. To get this password, please email Stephanie Brown at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

Final agenda for the annual meeting along with the agenda and registration links for the workshop will be shared shortly.

If you booked your travel and hotel for the in-person events, please cancel as soon as possible. To avoid cancellation fees, please cancel

your travel by April 15th.

Thanks again to everyone for their patience while we worked out the logistics for these two events. We look forward to interacting with everyone online!



Training and Resource Updates

The PSA team has modified their policy on remote delivery for PSA courses during the Coronavirus outbreak. Below are resources and documents needed to successfully deliver PSA content during this time.

[Temporary_policy](#)

[Electronic Course Registration Form](#)

[PSA Remote Delivery FAQ](#)

PSA Educators' Call about remote delivery in [English](#) and slides in [Spanish](#)

[Zoom Webinar Etiquette and Practices page](#)

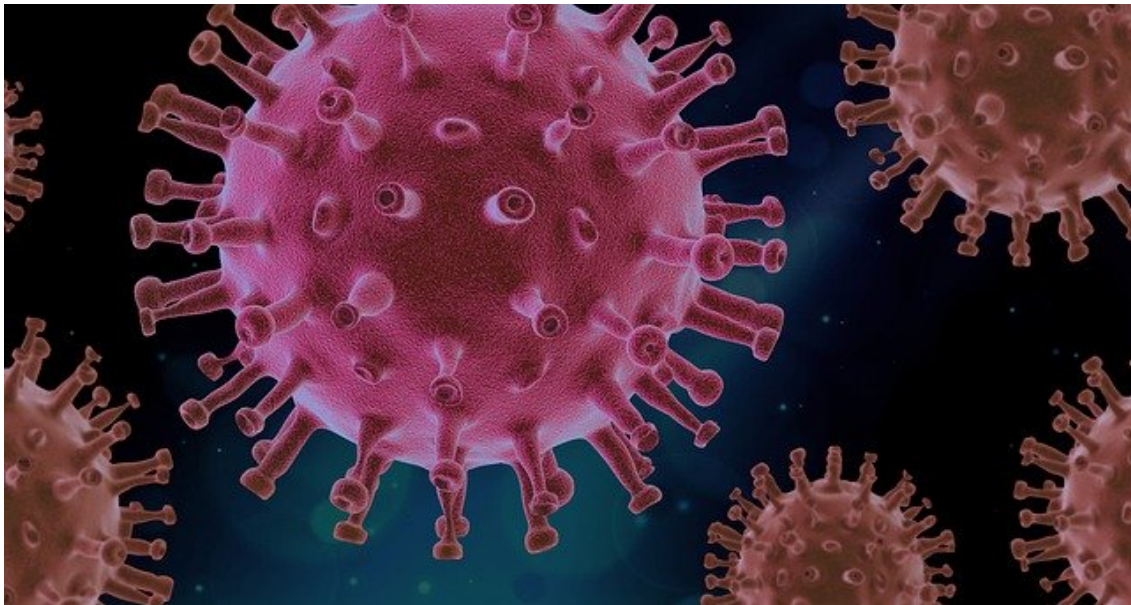
Dr. Connie Fisk is also hosting office hours every Thursday through April 30, 2020 from 12-1 PM (Eastern) to practice Zoom. For Zoom link, please email Stephanie Brown at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

[WRCEFS-specific PSA Training Information](#)

WRCEFS is interested in having anyone who delivers PSA courses remotely to share their experiences with the rest of the group so we can learn from their activities. If you plan on offering remote PSA courses and would be willing to share your experiences, please email Jovana Kovacevic at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

We understand collecting pre-/post-test data during remote training is challenging. A fillable version is now available. If interested, please email Stephanie Brown at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu to obtain a copy. There are also polling options available in Zoom for capturing this information. If you have any specific questions on Zoom polling options, please contact us at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

If you are capturing these data, please share with WRCEFS. For any remote courses, please continue to share all cover sheets and attendance rosters with WRCEFS. On the cover sheet, please indicate that the training was delivered remotely.



Resources

The OSU team has created a page on the WRCEFS website dedicated to COVID-19 and food safety resources. We currently have many fact sheets, social media images, and links to other federal and state-specific websites and resources for viewing.

If you have made any fact sheets, documents, or websites related to food safety and COVID-19 and want these shared within the Western region, please email us at wrcefs@oregonstate.edu.

Upcoming Trainings

PSA Train-the-Trainer Courses: The Produce Safety Alliance train-the-trainer course in Wenatchee, WA has been rescheduled for June 10-11, 2020. To register, please see the [PSA website](#).

Save the Date

- 1) WRCEFS Online Annual Meeting- May 12
 - 2) PSA/WRCEFS Online Professional Development Workshop - May 27
 - 3) PSA TTT Course (Wenatchee, WA)- June 10-11
 - 4) WRCEFS IAFP Meeting (Cleveland, OH) - August 2
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USDA-NIFA Updates



United States
Department of
Agriculture

National Institute
of Food and
Agriculture

For those awaiting project funds from 2019 awarded projects, please check your ASAP account to see if funds have been distributed. **Some projects have received funding.** Currently, funds are being distributed based on what needs the least amount of changes.

If you received notice to report on REEport on activities done (but didn't have money) please insert "0" into the system. This is so the system does not think you are inactive and kick you out.

Dr. Jodi Williams has returned as the current acting director of USDA NIFA programs. If you have any questions, her email is jodi.williams@usda.gov.

If your FSOP or other NIFA grants have been impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak, please refer to the NIFA COVID-19 FAQ page: <https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/NIFA-20-005-NIFA-Coronavirus-FAQs-04082020.pdf>. This page addresses many issues including class cancellations, no-cost extensions, charging salaries, and much more.

IAFP WRCEFS Meeting

We will be hosting a WRCEFS IAFP meeting on August 2, 2020 from 1:30-3:30. Meeting will be held in room 24. We will be providing more details about meeting specifics in the coming months.

Job Opportunities

Spanish-Language Extension Associate

The Spanish-Language Extension Associate (SL EA) will be required to have dual English and Spanish proficiency, including the ability to read, write, speak, and edit in both English and Spanish languages. The SL EA will be responsible for overseeing the translation, editing, and proofreading of PSA projects to ensure quality, message accuracy and consistency, appropriate tone and voice, and cultural relevance. By participating in a panel of Spanish-speaking reviewers, the SL EA will help lead the evaluation process for Spanish-speaking applicants who apply to become PSA Lead Trainers. The SL EA will facilitate and provide leadership for conference calls relating to international produce safety outreach efforts and may be directly involved in training other individuals to use the curriculum, in-person and through online platforms, in Spanish. In addition, the SL EA will provide continual feedback to PSA leadership through preparation of international impact reports, training evaluations, and outreach activities. Due to the extensive national and international collaboration established by the PSA, it is anticipated the Extension Associate will interact with a diverse population of individuals and stakeholder groups across the country and outside of the United States. This position will have the option to establish a work flexplace

agreement depending on home location.

For more information and to apply, use the following link <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/15404>.

Communication Updates

Website

We have given the WRCEFS website a new look for 2020. Content is constantly being added so please continue to check back with us to find new resources, training opportunities, and more!

Social Media

Follow us on Social Media! We now have WRCEFS accounts on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)! We will be posting updates, regional spotlights, and upcoming training opportunities on a weekly basis. We will also be sharing this information on the WRCEFS website. If you have anything that should be shared with the WRCEFS community, please contact Stephanie Brown (stephanie.brown@oregonstate.edu).

We hope you have a safe April!



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