When COVID-19 forced schools to close their doors and parents began to worry about what their children would do each day, Nebraska Extension responded by launching virtual lessons for youth.

Every day for seven weeks, Nebraska Extension delivered programming where youth joined their peers with a mission to better their competencies in citizenship, healthy living, or science. Alexa, a new 4-Her in Hamilton County, said she participated in the workshops because she liked to see her friends every day since she couldn’t see them at school. Katrina, a participant’s mother, said it was difficult to keep her kids happy while juggling school and chores. The workshops offered her children “chances to see and visit new friends on Zoom, and the fun projects and crafts were a lifesaver.”

- As a result of the eight production agriculture meetings held this year with about 280 attendees, 158 farmers earned Private Pesticide Applicator and Chemigation Certifications.
- 4th Grade Ag Day: 99 students learned about Ag Literacy, either in-person or virtually. Sessions included popcorn, corn yield, and some experienced feeling the inside of a steer.

207 miles have been run since September by seven participants in the Giltner Virtual Marathon Kids program.

100% Hamilton County elementary schools received handwashing videos that teach proper hand hygiene.

OVER 80 Hamilton County youth learned about beef rations and how ruminant animals digest nutrients.