

Please note that, the Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association has decided that we **can** sponsor the Two Meter Simplex Challenge this spring. In our opinion this is a great and wonderful thing, as it will encourage our membership to get out in the fresh air and sunshine and play radio! We have also added a two meter SSB division. This will be a great time to tune up your equipment for the ARRL June VHF + contest, or just to get out and try a new style of operating!

Since the COVID pandemic is still a major problem; we strongly encourage you as follows:

- 1) **Mask up!** Wear a mask and do not be afraid to explain why you are doing it.
- 2) **Keep your operating groups small** and contain them among members of the same household. Two to three members of the same household should be about the maximum.
- 3) If you can manage it between now and contest time; and provided your doctor doesn't tell you it's a bad idea; **get the vaccine; both shots**. Understand that it takes time for the vaccine to be effective. It does not happen within a short period of time following the last shot! Local pharmacies are, at least currently (March of 2021) and probably will remain, the best bet. The Steuben County Health Department will also receive a limited amount of vaccine, but they do have a long waiting list currently.
- 4) If the vaccine is not an option for you, **get tested** and carry the documentation regarding a negative test with you. If you test positive, for goodness sake, stay home and quarantine yourself!

If you have not played in this contest previously, you will find the contest guidelines and supporting materials available for download from this site. We've also produced a set of short articles giving some simple operating and equipment tips.

Come and "play radio" with us. You'll have fun!

**Operate in Public
Explain What You are Doing and Why
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