



COVID-19

ANSWERS FROM THE AVMA

Below are answers to some questions we have received about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is caused by SARS-CoV-2. The AVMA has additional information and resources available on at avma.org/coronavirus. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Can SARS-CoV-2 infect pets and can it be spread by pets to other animals, including people?

Currently, there is no evidence that pets become sick. Infectious disease experts, as well as the CDC, OIE, and WHO indicate there is also no evidence to suggest that pet dogs or cats can be a source of infection with SARS-CoV-2, including spreading COVID-19 to people.

What should I do to prepare for my pet's care in the event I do become ill?

Identify another person in your household who is willing and able to care for your pet in your home should you contract COVID-19. Make sure you have an emergency kit prepared, with at least two weeks' worth of your pet's food and any needed medications.

My pet needs to go to the veterinarian - what should I do?

If you are sick with COVID-19 and you believe your pet is ill, please call us to determine how to best ensure your pet can be appropriately cared for while minimizing risks of transmitting COVID-19 to other people. We will remain open to care for our patients.

Additional Questions?

Contact us at (865) 681-0456 to speak to a member of our staff directly about your concerns.