

COVID-19 Checklist

Pet Owners and Veterinarians

Top Things You Can Do

For pet owners

- › Practice everyday preventive actions to stay healthy around your pets. At this point there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19. [Visit the CDC for more information.](#)
 - While there is no vaccination against COVID-19, always vaccinate pets as recommended by your veterinarian to protect them from other diseases.
- › Identify backup caretakers for pets in the event you are confirmed to have COVID-19.
- › Wear a well-fitted mask and limit interaction with pets and other animals if you are confirmed to have COVID-19 and identified by public health officials as requiring home care and isolation. Service animals should be permitted to stay with their handlers.
- › Implement practical measures to protect yourself, your family, or pets from this or any other contagious respiratory illness.
- › Include pets in your [household emergency preparedness planning](#). This should include food, medication, and other supplies.

For veterinarians

- › Communicate about COVID-19 with your staff. Share credible information about COVID-19, the potential for surge, and your facility's preparedness plans.
- › If your facility remains open, practice social distancing as much as possible. Counsel clients on disease prevention practices, including how to stay safe and healthy around pets and other people.
- › Post visual signs at entrances and strategic places providing instructions on hand and respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette. Ensure prevention supplies are available (tissues, waste receptacles, alcohol-based hand sanitizer).
- › Double the frequency of environmental cleanings using EPA-approved disinfectants.
- › Monitor the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) and implement strategies for optimizing the supply of N95 respirators.

For up to date, accurate information, visit the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) [Prepare and Prevent: COVID-19](#) webpage, or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [Coronavirus webpage](#).



Wash your hands.



Stay home when sick.



Cover your cough.



Keep 6 feet apart.



Stay informed.