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## Interim Guidance for Animal Care Operations

Dear Dr. Atkinson,

The top concern we have heard from members over the last few days is how to interpret Executive Order 202.6 which requires non-essential businesses to close-down onsite operations.

Clarification is now available.

I want to thank Dr. David Smith, State Veterinarian at the NY State Department of Agriculture and Sciences for responding to your needs so promptly. His department has now issued an interim guidance document for veterinarians that clarifies that the following are exempt:

**Companion animal veterinary care** : "Essential veterinary care, including spay/neuter, treatment for infectious disease" is exempt.

**Livestock/Equine/Captive Cervids** all veterinary care is exempt.

[Read NYS Guidance for Animal Care](#)

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