

Letter from NVMA President Regarding COVID-19 and Additional Important Information

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Dear NVMA Members

As we navigate the unique challenges we're facing, directly and indirectly due to COVID-19, I am encouraged by our profession's collaboration and professionalism. I have never personally, or seen anyone else, save a life by panicking. Coordination, thoughfulness and training will help hold us in good stead and I believe keep us well placed to work through these circumstances.

The AVMA has provided some great resources, which Michelle shared yesterday via email, shared again below. This includes excellent information provided by Dr. Sco Weese. I have also included the link to Dr. Andy Roark's podcast on planning for your practice along with some other valuable links. Ultimately, it is down to us as veterinarians to make the right calls when it comes to advocating for our patients, clients and associates.

You will also find attached to this email an open letter from the AVMA to federal, state and local government offices urging that veterinary practices be considered "essential businesses".

Increased use of Telemedicine to triage and prescribe is something we should be considering. In these situations, an established VCPR makes life simpler and the state board recognizes some clients may be unwilling or unable to bring their pet in to the clinic. Consideration should be given to the severity of the condition, the availability of efficacious over-the-counter treatments and risk/benefit to the patient, when considering providing care. It is also recommended that you ensure medical records are accurate and detailed with regard to the impact of COVID-19 on decision-making.

We will aim to provide accurate updates as more information and support becomes available. Stay safe and look out for one another, thank you for reading!

Regards,

Lenny Cooper, DVM
President NVMA

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AVMA COVID-19 page:

https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19?utm_source=email-mem&utm_medium=coronavirus200315&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_term=link&utm_content=covid-19-webpage

Andy Roark podcast link:

<https://unchartedvet.com/bonus-episode-62-emergency-covid-19-planning-for-your-practice/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) in veterinary and animal group settings:

Protecting people and animals

Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 2:00pm Eastern Time

Registration link: <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/RescueDisinfectants>

DEA COVID-19 Information Page

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/coronavirus.html>**Additional Resources:**Customizable Workplace Flyer: <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/media-uploads/Coronavirus%20Customizable%20Flyer.pdf>Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>Real-time look at case counts: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>Hot-spot Illness Radar: <https://demo.sitscape.com/p/ed6efcaa?pubid=m5sxuzdjfnjg?v=2019>Veterinary Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/covid-19-faq-vet-clinics_031520.pdfFrequently Asked Questions for Pet Owners: https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/covid-19-faq-pet-owners_031520.pdfDisaster Assistance Loans: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>U.S. Chamber of Commerce Response Business Toolkit: <https://www.uschamber.com/coronavirus-response-toolkit>Disaster Help-Desk for Businesses: <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/disaster-help-desk-business>U.S. Chamber of Commerce Workplace Tips: https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/media-uploads/Coronavirus%20Workplace%20Tips%20for%20Employees_031620.pdfList of Cleaning products to fight Covid-19: <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>Directory of local Health Departments: <https://www.naccho.org/membership/lhd-directory>Surgical Mask and Gown Conservation: https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/health-care-providers/surgical-mask-and-gown-conservation-strategies-health-care-providers?utm_campaign=3-12-2020%20-%20Surgical%20Mask&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EloquaCDC, How to Protect Yourself: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fprevention.html

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