

I have COVID-19. Is my pet at risk?



Pets and COVID-19:

A very small number of pets have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. It appears that in some rare situations, human to animal transmission can occur. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the disease.

To be safe, you should avoid contact with animals and people while you are sick with COVID-19. This will help make sure both your pets and other people stay healthy.

While you are having symptoms:

- Have another household member care for your pet.
- Do not pet, snuggle, kiss, or share food or bedding with your pet.
- Wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with your pet (if you must be around them).

We do not recommend routine testing of animals living in a home with someone who is sick with COVID-19.

If your pet becomes sick:

- **Call your veterinarian.** Just because your pet is sick doesn't mean it has COVID-19. It is most likely sick from something else.
- **Have someone else take them to the veterinary clinic if you have symptoms or are isolating.**
- **Wash your hands.** Wash before and after caring for or cleaning up after your pet.
- **Do not use chemical disinfectants to clean or bathe your pet.**
- **Keep your pet at home.** Do not let your pet interact with people or other animals outside the household.
- **Do not put a mask on your pet.**

