

**Animal Health Alert: Current COVID-19 Guidance for Veterinary Staff**  
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Dear Colleagues,

Today as California began to reopen, the Los Angeles County Health Officer order was modified to align with the State requirements. In Los Angeles County, veterinary practices will no longer be considered healthcare sites since the on-going requirements for healthcare sites do not align well with what is needed at veterinary practices. Your facility will now be required to follow the procedures and Cal OSHA regulations for general businesses rather than those specifically for human healthcare.

The new Los Angeles County Health Order is posted at:

[http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO\\_SaferReturnWorkCommunity.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_SaferReturnWorkCommunity.pdf)

The Health Order has a link to the current Cal OSHA regulations which were put in place last November. Cal OSHA will be considering new regulations on Thursday (6/17/21) to go into effect at the end of the month.

In summary, your staff still need to wear masks and socially distance, regardless of vaccination status. For clients, those that are unvaccinated still need to wear masks. Businesses have the choice of requiring all customers to wear masks, require proof of immunization or post signs and rely on honor system.

Additional local and state COVID-19 updates:

- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 site](#)
- [Los Angeles County COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [California Department of Public Health COVID-19 site](#)

Additional resources for veterinarians and clients:

- [American Veterinary Medical Association COVID-19 site](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 and Animals](#)
- [California Veterinary Medical Association COVID-19 Updates](#)

Information on SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Evaluation for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals](#)

We will provide updates when guidance for practices is updated. Please call (213-288-7060) or email ([vet@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:vet@ph.lacounty.gov)) if you have specific questions.

Sincerely,

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