

# Vaccinate dogs for Canine Flu H3N2 and Leptospirosis

## Help stop both outbreaks in LA County

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Canine influenza H3N2 is spreading rapidly, and the leptospirosis outbreak is continuing. The Veterinary Public Health Program of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (VPH) is asking all veterinary practices in LA County to help stop the outbreaks:

- 1. Vaccinate dogs against both canine influenza H3N2 and leptospirosis.** Dogs that go to boarding kennels, doggy day care, and dog parks face increased risk. 4-way leptospirosis vaccination should be considered a core vaccine now for dogs in our county.
- 2. Inform your clients.** Share our Animal Health Updates on [publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet).
- 3. Advise dog owners to keep infected dogs home.**
  - 1. CIV H3N2 – 28 day isolation.** Viral shedding may last 28 days in some cases, long past clinical recovery.
  - 2. Leptospirosis - stay home until treatment finished.** (Doxycycline recommended treatment for leptospirosis.)
- 4. Report cases**
  - Influenza and Leptospirosis Reporting Forms here: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Forms.htm](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Forms.htm)
  - Send completed forms, with copies of all lab results, to: (213) 481-2375 fax or email [vet@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:vet@ph.lacounty.gov)



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### Canine Influenza H3N2 outbreak – **RAPID INCREASE**

- **When started?** Approximately mid-July 2021.
- **How many cases?** Approximately 250 confirmed, hundreds suspected.
- **Where?** Across most of LA County, except the Antelope Valley.
- **What types of settings?** At least 20 boarding or day care facilities from across LA County have cases. Others are associated with dog parks and other places dogs congregate. Some cases have no known link to a group setting.

### Leptospirosis Outbreak

- **When started?** Approximately mid-July 2021.
- **Which strain of lepto?** The *canicola* serovar, which is transmitted dog-to-dog.
- **How many cases?** Approximately 120 confirmed so far. Case count may be leveling off due to new vaccination requirements at boarding and day care facilities.
- **Where?** Mostly in the West Side and San Fernando Valley.
- **What types of settings?** Two boarding / day care facilities. Others are associated with dog parks and other places dogs congregate. Some cases have no known link to a group setting.

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