MINIMIZING COVID-19 EXPOSURE
and social distancing in veterinary practice

Is this case elective?

YES

is telemedicine an option?

YES

Utilize telemedicine (see AVMA resources)

NO

Consider postponing elective procedures and appointments until recommendations or requirements for social distancing and supply conservation are lifted

NO

Is telemedicine an option?

YES

Utilize telemedicine (see AVMA resources)

NO

NO

Is the owner quarantined because of COVID-19 or showing related symptoms? (CDC)

NO

Can a non-quarantined, apparently healthy individual bring the animal to you instead?

YES

NO

Notify management and veterinary team to determine if clinic is equipped to provide the necessary care without unreasonably endangering staff while complying with direction from federal, state, and local health officials. If relevant, refer to AVMA COVID-19 Use of PPE resource

Are you a mobile practice or can you refer to a mobile practice?

YES

NO

See AVMA COVID-19 resources for Mobile and House Call Veterinarians
Follow direction from federal, state, and local health officials about contact with individuals quarantined because of COVID-19 or showing related symptoms
If relevant, refer to AVMA COVID-19 Use of PPE resource

Work with the state public health veterinarian and/or local health department officials to resolve the case

Questions regarding delaying vaccines for rabies should be addressed with local authorities. Consultation with state and local health officials is strongly encouraged so that timely and accurate information can guide appropriate responses in each location.

*Telemedicine must address the patient’s medical needs and correspond to federal and state requirements avma.org/Telemedicine