



What is COVID19?

Information You Should Know!

- The primary concern of COVID 19 is for human health.
- The COVID 19 outbreak started in Wuhan City, China in 2019.
- Dogs and Cats have their own coronavirus that is NOT the same virus as COVID 19.
- There is no current evidence that you will get COVID 19 from your family pet.
- If you are sick with COVID 19, it is recommended to limit close contact with pets until more information is known about the virus. You should always wash your hands after handling animals as a general rule.
- It is recommended to wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching eyes/nose/mouth to prevent transmission of viruses like COVID 19 and influenza.
 - Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol are recommended if soap and water are not available.
- Protect others from getting sick: Cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing with a flexed elbow (or tissue). Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Owners should include pets in their emergency preparedness planning, including a 2 week supply of food and medications
- Reminder: It is cold and flu season, it is important to get your flu vaccination! Decreased influenza related hospitalization will allow more people to be treated in the health care system if COVID 19 related hospitalization increases in the US.
- Further information from the Department of Public Health and Veterinary Public Health can be found here:
 - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/#>
 - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/FAQ-PetOwners.pdf>
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