

AVMA COVID-19: Additional Case Management Information

In response to discussion by the HOD about shortages of PPE, please see the following:

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is communicating with a number of partners looking into shortages, including FDA, other veterinary associations, various practice groups, and distributors. We have isolated reports, based on discussion posts and mention of supplies in-stock, that the following items may be in short supply: surgical masks, gloves, gowns, hand sanitizers, and surface sanitizing solutions. Some vendors have reported isopropyl alcohol and surgical drapes as being out of stock, but at last report other vendors still had those available (this may, of course, change quickly). Confirmation of specific shortages is challenging because the production and delivery networks for these are distributed, rather than being centralized. We have been working with FDA as the best central source of information on shortages of both drugs and medical products and reporting information back to them as we receive it. I've sent another request for an update out to some of our partners this morning.

- FDA maintains a drug shortage database (active always, not just in the case of COVID-19) that can be accessed here: [www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/...](http://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/)
- Alcohol-containing products, including hand sanitizers, have been reported to be in short supply and FDA has issued guidance accordingly: [www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/...](http://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/)
- FDA has indicated it anticipates a shortage of gloves and has issued guidance accordingly: [www.fda.gov/medical-devices/...](http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/)
- Similar shortages are anticipated for surgical masks and gowns and FDA has also issued guidance for those: [www.fda.gov/medical-devices/...](http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/)
- CDC has also issued guidance for multiple types of PPE: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/...](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/)
- AVMA has also drafted guidance for conservation, which is available here: [www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/...](http://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/)

We will provide updates as we have them and, please, if you are aware of specific issues share them at coronavirus@avma.org so that we can keep everyone updated as best as possible.