



# Missouri Veterinary Medical Association

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MVMA Members,

The governor has reportedly indicated that if he issues a stay-at-home order, veterinarians will be classified as essential business. In all County orders and advisories we've seen so far, veterinarians are listed under healthcare organizations which are deemed essential businesses.

In states that have initiated shelter in place orders, no one has made it a priority to answer the question of documenting enroute that you are an essential service. If they do, they are recommending the use of a letter on your clinic stationary.

Here is an essential business template letter.

We have created a private Facebook group where MVMA members may post requests for items/services that they can no longer acquire in their locality, with the hopes that other members will be able to share their inventory to mitigate that immediate shortage. Members can also post items they have to offer. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/veterinarysupply/>

Remember we also have a members only Facebook group where members are encouraged to share best practices on how they're handling the Coronavirus. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/movmamembers/>

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