



# Missouri Veterinary Medical Association

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## Veterinary Medicine Under the Current Stay At Home Order

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson released a Statewide stay-at-home order on Friday, April 3, 2020.

Veterinary Medicine practices are essential businesses. It has been confirmed by AVMA that all veterinarians are intended to be covered under the Food and Agriculture section of the CISA guidelines upon which the Governor's order is based.

AVMA officials have told MVMA: AVMA remains a public stakeholder working with CISA on this guidance and have been told again and again that all veterinary practice sectors are intended to be included. Dept. of Homeland Security has worked for many years, particularly in the time since Hurricane Katrina, to ensure companion animals are not 'forgotten' during times of emergencies.

### Nothing in the current order excludes routine services.

The stay-at-home order does not affect essential businesses other than you must maintain no more than 25% of your fire code maximum occupancy (including staff and clients), and social distancing, sanitizing and other common COVID-19 guidelines.

If you are unsure of your maximum occupancy, we suggest you contact your city/county offices, or your fire department or fire marshal. But here is a tool to estimate it: <https://legalbeagle.com/6306392-calculate-maximum-occupancy-room.html>.

For various reasons, many practices are temporarily restricting the types of cases they are seeing. **THIS IS NOT REQUIRED BY THE CURRENT ORDER**, but if you are considering this, we offer here a list of potential services you can modify as you wish to establish your own practice policy. Continuing to see cases has multiple benefits, **including helping to avoid overwhelming area emergency clinics.**

**Follow the button below for a list that can be used as a tool for those who choose to self-limit the types of cases they will be seeing:**

Services Tool

Here is a link to AVMA's flow chart on dealing with clients during this pandemic: <https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/COVID-19-MinimizeExposure-Flowchart-v2.pdf>

Also see Caring For Veterinary Patients & Interactions with Clients on this AVMA webpage: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19>

**We will keep you abreast of any changes in these orders.**

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