

MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-34

Temporary restrictions on veterinary services

This Order is in place starting no later than 5:00 pm April 2, 2020 and continues while the declared emergency is in effect.

THIS ORDER IMPACTS ALL VETERINARY FACILITIES.

What veterinarians need to do:

- Implement a plan to temporarily postpone all in-person non-essential veterinary services until the declared emergency has ended.
- The plan should be in writing and you should train your staff on the plan.
- Conduct all veterinary services by telemedicine to the fullest extent possible.
- If a non-essential service cannot be handled through telemedicine, postpone the service.
- If an essential service cannot be performed by telemedicine, your plan may allow it to be performed in-person.
- Minimize the use of PPE that could be used for the care of humans to the fullest extent possible.
- You must follow your plan.

Description of **essential** and **non-essential veterinary services**:

1. All agricultural veterinary services are essential services.

2. For non-agricultural veterinary services, all services are non-essential except for those that are:

- Necessary to preserve the life of an animal, as determined by a licensed veterinarian.
- Necessary to treat serious pain that threatens the health and safety of an animal, as determined by a licensed veterinarian.
- Necessary to euthanize an animal, as determined by a licensed veterinarian.
- Necessary to treat or prevent the transmission of any infectious disease that can be transmitted between animals and human beings, as determined by a licensed veterinarian.

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More on vaccinations: The Order specifically says medically indicated vaccination of any animal is allowed (not prohibited) and that owners still need to have their animals vaccinated as required by law or regulation. MVMA advises to continue your standard vaccination protocols.