

# I have COVID-19. Is my pet at risk?



## Pets and COVID-19:

A very small number of pets have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. It appears that in some rare situations, human to animal transmission can occur. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the disease.

**To be safe, you should avoid contact with animals and people while you are sick with COVID-19.** This will help make sure both your pets and other people stay healthy.

## While you are having symptoms:

- Have another household member care for your pet.
- Do not pet, snuggle, kiss, or share food or bedding with your pet.
- Wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with your pet (if you must be around them).

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**We do not recommend routine testing of animals living in a home with someone who is sick with COVID-19.**

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## If your pet becomes sick:

- **Call your veterinarian.** Just because your pet is sick doesn't mean it has COVID-19. It is most likely sick from something else.
- **Have someone else take them to the veterinary clinic if you have symptoms.**
- **Wash your hands.** Wash before and after caring for or cleaning up after your pet.
- **Keep your pet at home.** Do not let your pet interact with people or other animals outside the household.

