



COVID-19 & Pets

You should still protect your pet.

Since we don't know exactly how contagious COVID-19 is between owners and pets, try keeping your cat indoors and walking your dog 6 feet away from others.

Have COVID? Try to isolate from your pet.

If your child has COVID-19, isolation can be hard to understand. Explain why it's important, and find creative ways for them to connect, like a video chat from across the house.

Virus likely is not carried on fur, skin, or paws.

But since dogs and cats can carry other germs on them, wash your hands after interaction. Do not use disinfectants or hand sanitizer on your pet — these can be poisonous to animals.

Do not put a mask on your pet.

The thought of a cat or dog in a teeny mask might be adorable, but it's actually dangerous. Covering their cute little faces can harm them.

Some vets offer telemedicine.

If you're worried about going to the vet's office, you may be able to give your four-legged companion their turn on Zoom.