MINIMIZING COVID-19 EXPOSURE
and social distancing in veterinary practice

Is this case elective?

YES

is telemedicine an option?

YES

Utilize telemedicine
(see AVMA resources)

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Consider postponing elective procedures and appointments until recommendations or requirements for social distancing and supply conservation are lifted

Can a non-quarantined, apparently healthy individual bring the animal to you instead?

YES

Notify management and veterinary team to determine if clinic is equipped to provide the necessary care without unreasonably endangering staff while complying with direction from federal, state, and local health officials. If relevant, refer to AVMA COVID-19 Use of PPE resource

NO

NO

Is the owner quarantined because of COVID-19 or showing related symptoms? (CDC)

YES

Utilize telemedicine
(see AVMA resources)

NO

Consider social distancing techniques which may include:
Admitting the animal from the vehicle
Using phone invoicing to minimize social contact
Remaining 6 feet from the owner

NO

YES

Are you a mobile practice or can you refer to a mobile practice?

YES

Follow direction from federal, state, local health officials about contact with individuals quarantined because of COVID-19 or showing related symptoms. If relevant, refer to AVMA COVID-19 Use of PPE resource

NO

Questions regarding delaying vaccines for rabies should be addressed with local authorities. Consultation with state and local health officials is strongly encouraged so that timely and accurate information can guide appropriate responses in each location.

^Telemedicine must address the patient’s medical needs and correspond to federal and state requirements avma.org/Telemedicine