SHOULD I TEST MY PET FOR COVID-19?

NO. Neither the CDC, USDA, AVMA nor CVMA recommends that companion animals be routinely tested for COVID-19.

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CAN PETS TRANSMIT COVID-19 TO PEOPLE?

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IF MY PET IS SICK AND I THINK IT'S COVID-19, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If your pet gets sick after contact with a person with COVID-19, do not take your pet to the veterinary clinic yourself. Call your veterinarian to determine the next steps for your pet’s treatment and care.

There is no specific treatment for animals diagnosed with a COVID-19 infection, so testing will not alter clinical management.

IS THERE A TREATMENT FOR PETS INFECTED WITH COVID-19?

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CAN MY VETERINARIAN TEST MY PET IF I ASK THEM TO?

Veterinarians are strongly encouraged to rule out other, more common causes of illness in animals before considering COVID-19 testing.