



Agriculture and Markets

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Industry partners should refer to [New York Forward Guidance](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. For more information, please visit <https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information For Pet Owners

General information for pet owners:

- At this time, there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19.
- For more information, [visit the CDC website](#).

Regardless, we encourage COVID-19 patients under home care and isolation to exercise good judgement with their pets or other animals:

- Let your public health point of contact know that you have pets or other animals in your home.
- Limit interaction with pets and other animals. Specifically, while symptomatic, maintain separation from pets as you would with other household members.
- Service animals are permitted to remain with their handlers.
- Designate another household member to care for pets in the home. If this is not possible, ensure good hand washing before and after caring for pets.

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