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)
    - NO
      - Consider postponing elective procedures and appointments until recommendations or requirements for social distancing and supply conservation are lifted

- NO
  - Is telemedicine an option?
    - YES
      - Utilize telemedicine (see AVMA resources)
    - NO

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
  - See AVMA COVID-19 resources for Mobile and House Call Veterinarians
  - Follow direction from federal, state, and local health officials about contact with individuals quarantined because of COVID-19 or showing related symptoms
  - Work with the state public health veterinarian and/or local health department officials to resolve the case
- 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

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