COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Disease and Animals
Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Best sources of COVID-19 information:

- Visit [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for the most current recommendations on COVID-19
- If you suspect you have COVID-19 or have been exposed, follow the recommendations of the Washington State Department of Health available at [DOH.wa.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.doh.wa.gov)

Livestock Producers

There are currently no restrictions on livestock trade or animal movement due to the COVID-19 response. Practice good biosecurity as usual for the health of yourself and your animals.

Pet owners

There is currently no evidence of pets or other companion animals spreading or becoming sick from COVID-19. The CDC continues to study this issue and as a precaution, you can take additional care handling pets.

Best practices when handling livestock, pets, or other animals

When handling or caring for livestock or companion animals, the CDC recommends these basic hygiene practices:

- Wash your hands before and after being around or handling animals, their food, or supplies and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth when handling animals.
- Avoid kissing animals, allowing them to lick you, or sharing food with your animals.
- If you have COVID-19 or suspect you might, limit your contact with your animals as a precaution.

These suggestions are based on the best information available as of March 6, 2020. Stay informed on this and other issues about COVID-19 on the following websites:

- [USDA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.usda.gov)
- [DOH.wa.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.doh.wa.gov)
- [www.OIE.int](https://www.oie.int) and search “COVID-19”