

COVID-19 Spay/Neuter Assessment Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to assess the factors that may impact your organization's ability to reimplement non-emergency spay/neuter surgeries:

YES

- If your city, county, or state, or the location you are servicing, had a stay at home/shelter in place order, has it been lifted or modified to allow for non-essential services?
- If you will be traveling to other communities to provide services, have local conditions in the host community been evaluated, including review of any local mandates?
- Have any specific directives suspending elective surgeries or spay/neuter surgeries been lifted?
- Has the state issued specific guidelines for veterinary clinics that need to be incorporated? Can your program safely meet those mandates?
- Has the state Dept. of Agriculture or Health or Veterinary Medical Association issued guidance on spay/neuter surgeries and, if so, can your program safely meet those recommendations?
- Are an adequate number of clinic or program staff and volunteers willing and able to work at a reopened clinic?
- Have you determined your capacity for spay/neuter based on your available staff/volunteers or the capacity of local clinics?
- If you are utilizing local veterinary clinics, are they performing "non-essential" surgeries?
- Do you have protocols in place for maintaining current CDC social distancing and disease mitigation guidelines between staff, volunteers, and clients when providing spay/neuter for shelter animals? For community cats? For owned pets?
- Do you have updated protocols for transporting animals to and from the clinic?
- Do you have a protocol in the event a staff member or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19?
- Do you have protocols in place to prioritize patients and clients with the greatest need and the greatest ability to maintain social distancing?
- Is the use of PPE and medical supplies not likely to interfere with the availability for the human health system?
- Do you have access to sufficient PPE and if supplies are limited, do you have protocols to conserve PPE that do not increase the risks to staff and volunteers?
- Have you developed and implemented training of all new protocols for staff and volunteers?
- Do you have sufficient supplies to operate and have updated protocols to account for any drugs or other supplies on backorder?

Guidelines and protocol recommendations can be found [here](#) and [here](#).