

COVID-19 Mythbusting

When should we test an animal for COVID-19?



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and International Reporting Obligations**

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1. Animal is a Canid, Felid or Mustelid
2. Animal is exhibiting a combination of the following clinical signs:
 - i. respiratory infection
 - ii. gastrointestinal infection
 - iii. fever
3. Other common diagnoses have been considered and ruled out AND
4. The animal has had confirmed contact with a suspect or known human case of COVID-19 within three weeks of developing clinical signs.

Professional obligation to report positive test results to Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO)

