

Animal Testing Authorization:

- The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) do not recommend that companion animals be routinely tested for COVID-19 at this time. Therefore, HDOA will not authorize testing of the general companion animal population. However, protocols may change because the situation is evolving.
- The decision to test an animal will be collaboratively authorized by the Hawaii State Veterinarian in conjunction with the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) and USDA APHIS.
- Authorization for testing will be conducted on a case by case basis:
 - When requested by a private veterinarian who is reporting
 - A new, concerning illness that cannot be otherwise explained AND
 - The companion animal has had close contact with a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection AND
 - Screening has been conducted for infectious diseases known to commonly cause illness in companion animals.

Veterinarian Authorization:

- When a decision to test is made, the State Veterinarian will authorize and designate, a state-appointed veterinarian, USDA accredited veterinarian, or Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) to collect the sample using appropriate personal protective equipment. Refer to CDC/USDA guidance.
- Sample collection methods will be verified with guidance from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL).
- Official sampling will follow USDA guidance.

Laboratory and Reporting

- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) detection in any animal is reportable per OIE guidance.
- Positive results
 - Will only be reported when test information has been communicated with the Hawaii State Veterinarian and the Hawaii Department of Health.
 - HDOA will communicate the information to USDA, AVMA, CDC and National Assembly State Animal Health Officials (NASAHO) and work with those groups for unified messaging.

Management of animals in COVID-19 positive households

- HDOA will defer to AVMA guidance, CDC's guidance and the Hawaii Department of Health guidance concerning the management of animals in shelters and households in which a human has tested positive for COVID-19.
- There is no current guidance available regarding quarantine of COVID-19 positive dogs, cats, or other pets. HDOA will follow any guidance provided by the USDA/CDC working group if new information becomes available.
- If an animal has a positive result, HDOA will not remove the animal from the home.