

WVMA Member:

Below are some specific questions that have come into the WVMA as well as the answers we received.

The following answers were received from DATCP on 3/26/2020.

Q: Are spays and neuters essential veterinary care?

A: There is no specific definition of what is essential vs. non-essential veterinary care. You will need to rely on your professional medical opinion as a veterinarian and use the guidance that DATCP and the VEB have provided. The Governor's office has issued an FAQ that specifically addresses grooming.

Q: Can I obtain care or boarding for my pet?

A: Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided, but you may leave your home to obtain necessary veterinary care and supplies for your pet. Grooming services must close. Pet boarding and daycare is an essential business and operation that may remain open.

[Emergency Order #12 Stay at Home Order](#)

[VEB Guidance](#)

The answer to the question below was provided by Chief Legal Officer Jennifer Hagner Campbell, with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) on 3/27/2020.

Q: Are show animal sales - on-farm - an essential business?

A: I cannot see any avenue under which a "show animal sale" would be deemed essential.

Specific questions regarding if a business function is essential or not can be submitted to the WEDC through their online [Essential Business Designation Inquiry](#).

Check the [WVMA COVID-19 Resource Page](#) for the latest news pertaining to COVID-19 and veterinary medicine. We will continue to update the page as we receive new information.



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