

**Q:** New Order #34: Does this open up veterinary care for routine care as long as the clients are not in the building or are we still expected to be limited to sick and injured pet care?

**A:** After reviewing the Order, we believe it does not expand care in that manner and that veterinary clinics should continue to adhere to the standards under Safer at Home Order #28.

Notwithstanding the loosening of some limited restrictions under Order #34, the Safer at Home Order remains in full force and effect - including the requirement that “[n]on-essential veterinary care should be avoided.” ([Safer at Home Order #28, Section 8 page 8](#)).

Order #34 is narrow in focus and only allows curbside pickup for businesses that provide animal services or care that were considered non-essential under the Safer at Home Order. Governor Evers’ [FAQ guidance document](#) that was issued contemporaneously with Order #34 on April 27 clarifies that Order #34 does not permit routine veterinary care:

**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 are non-essential businesses but may provide grooming services with curb-side drop-off of pets. Pet boarding and daycare is an essential business and operation that may remain open.” (See page 4 of FAQ guidance document).

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