## One Health Partners COVID-19 Webinar

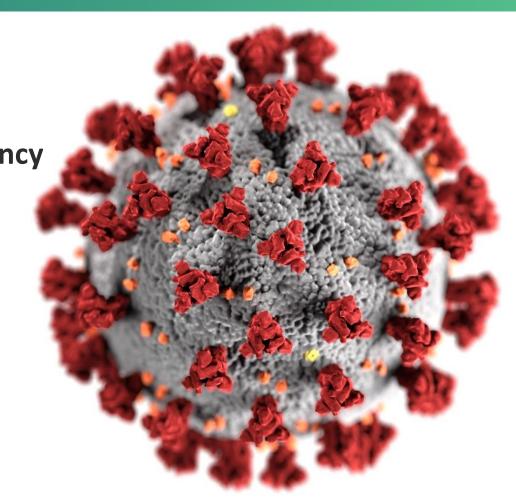
Coordinated by the CDC One Health Office, in partnership with the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination (OH-FICC) Group

OneHealth@cdc.gov

**December 7, 2021** 







cdc.gov/coronavirus

## **One Health Partners COVID-19 Webinar**

### **Purpose:**

- Share news, key updates, guidance, and resources on One Health aspects of COVID-19
- Summarize animal cases of SARS-CoV-2 in US & globally
- Provide updates on ongoing coordination around One Health aspects of COVID-19 in US



### One Health and COVID-19 in the News

#### **COVID Widespread Among Iowa** Deer

Rare Snow Leopard with COVID-19 Symptoms Dies at South Dakota Zoo: 'A Deep Wound'

Baya, a 2 1/2-year-old snow leopard, was "sweet and playful," the Great Plains Zoo said

By Janine Puhak October 12, 2021 03:24 PM







Lung Disease & Respiratory Health > Coronavirus > News :

**Report Shows Arizona Man** Infected His Dog, Cat With COVID-19

Press release

Covid-19 confirmed in pet dog in the UK

Hyenas at Denver zoo catch Covid in world first

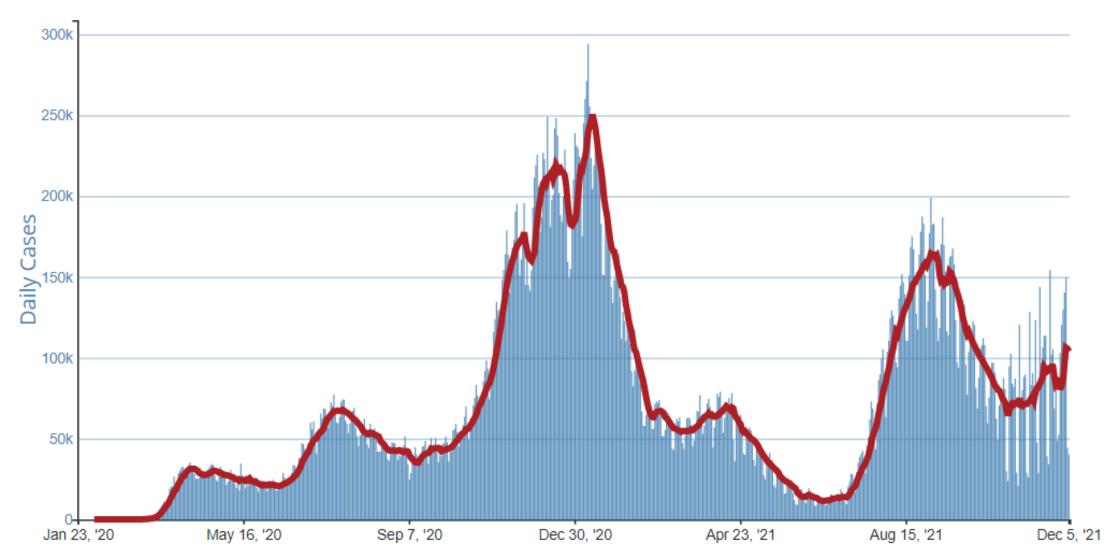
Pair aged 22 and 23 expected to make full recovery, as 11 lions and two tigers at the zoo also test positive



Kibo, one of two hyenas that has tested positive for Covid at Denver zoo. Photograph

## Daily Trends: U.S. COVID-19 Cases Reported to CDC

as of December 5, 2021



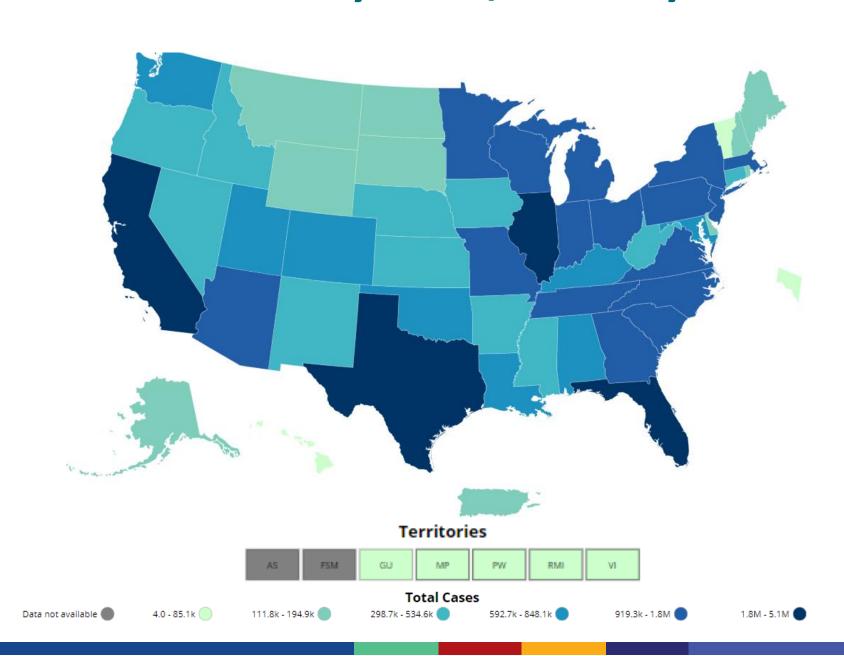
## **Total US COVID-19 Human Cases by State/Territory**

as of December 6, 2021

TOTAL CASES 48,918,251 +149,222 New Cases

CASES IN THE LAST 7 DAYS 742,928

TOTAL DEATHS 784,893



### **Omicron Variant of SARS-CoV-2**

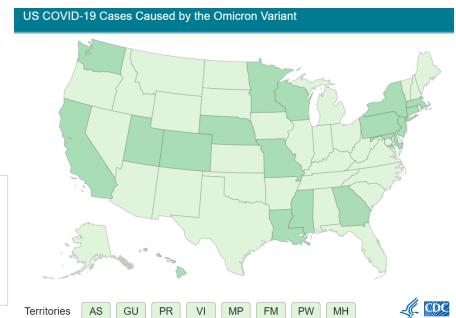
- A new variant of SARS-CoV-2, B.1.1.529, was reported to the World Health
   Organization (WHO). Classified as a Variant of Concern (VOC) by the WHO and US
- CDC is working with state and local public health officials to monitor the spread of Omicron
- We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work

O No

Yes

against it

Despite the increased attention of Omicron,
 Delta continues to be the main variant
 circulating in the United States



Data as of December 7, 2021

## **Animal Species Experimentally Infected with SARS-CoV-2**

- Cats\*
- Dogs
- Ferrets\*
- Mink\*
- Hamsters\*†
- Deer mice\*
- Non-human primates<sup>‡</sup>
- Rabbits
- Tree shrews
- Raccoon dogs\*
- Cattle
- Egyptian fruit bats\*
- White-tailed deer\*
- Striped skunks
- Raccoons
- Bushy-tailed woodrats
- Bank voles

















<sup>\*</sup> Transmission to other animals of the same species reported

<sup>†</sup>Hamster species include Chinese hamsters and golden Syrian hamsters

<sup>‡</sup>Non-human primate species include African green monkeys, baboons, common marmosets, cynomolgus macaques, pigtail macaques, rhesus macaques, and savanna monkeys

## **Animal Species Naturally Infected with SARS-CoV-2 Globally**

- Cats
- Dogs
- Farmed mink
- Wild caught mink
- Pet ferrets
- Tigers
- Lions
- Puma
- Snow leopards
- Gorillas
- Otters
- White-tailed deer
- Binturong
- Fishing cat
- Coatimundi
- Hyenas
- Lynx
- Hippopotamus





















## New Species Positive for SARS-CoV-2: Binturong, Fishing Cat, and Coatimundi

## Confirmation of COVID-19 in a Coatimundi at an Illinois Zoo

Published: Oct 14, 2021





Contact: Marquita Bady marquita.bady@usda.gov

Washington, D.C., October 14, 2021 – The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) today announced confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in a coatimundi at a zoo in Illinois. This is the first coatimundi confirmed with the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the United States.

Samples from a variety of species at the zoo, including the coatimundi, were collected and tested after a tiger at the facility showed signs of the virus.

## Confirmation of COVID-19 in a Binturong and a Fishing Cat at an Illinois Zoo

Published: Oct 6, 2021



Washington, D.C., October 6, 2021 -- The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) today announced confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in a binturong and a fishing cat at a zoo in Illinois. These are the first of either species confirmed with the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the United States





## New Species Positive for SARS-CoV-2: Hyenas at Colorado Zoo



## Confirmation of COVID-19 in Hyenas at a Colorado Zoo

Published: Nov 5, 2021



#### Contact: APHISpress@usda.gov

Washington, D.C., November 5, 2021 -- The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) today announced confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) in two spotted hyenas at a zoo in Colorado. These are the first hyenas confirmed with the SARS-CoV-2 virus worldwide.

Samples from a variety of species at the zoo, including the hyenas, were collected and tested after lions at the facility showed signs of illness. In addition to the two hyenas, eleven lions and two tigers at the zoo also tested positive for the virus.

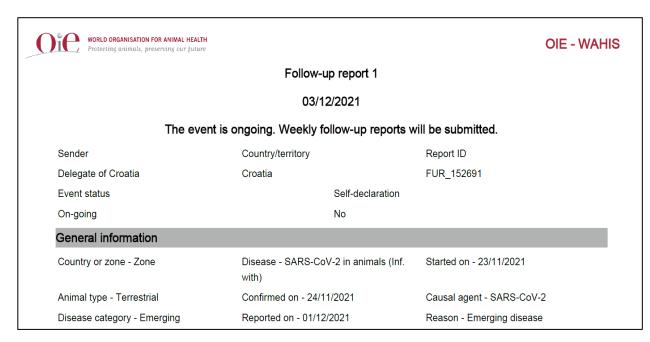
Samples from the hyenas tested presumptive positive at the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the cases were confirmed at NVSL. NVSL serves as an international reference laboratory and provides expertise and guidance on diagnostic techniques, as well as confirmatory testing for foreign and emerging animal diseases. Such testing is required for certain animal diseases in the United States in order to comply with national and international reporting procedures. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) considers SARS-CoV-2 an emerging disease, and therefore USDA must report confirmed U.S. animal infections to the OIE.

## New Species Positive for SARS-CoV-2: Lynx, Hippos

- Lynx at a zoo in Croatia
  - Respiratory signs observed
- Two hippos at the Brussels Zoo in Belgium
  - Nasal discharge observed
  - Not yet reported to OIE







Species	Туре	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and disposed of	Slaughtered	Vaccinated	Outbreak morbidity	Outbreak mortality
Lynx (Felis lynx):Felidae- Carnivora	New	-	1	0	0	0	0	-	-
Lynx (Felis lynx):Felidae- Carnivora	Total	-	1	0	0	0	0	-	-

## First Ferret with SARS-CoV-2 Reported in the US

- Clinical signs: coughing and sneezing
- Contact with a human COVID-19 case



Samples from the ferret were taken after it showed clinical signs including sneezing and coughing. It is suspected that the ferret acquired the infection from a person with COVID-19.

A ferret was previously reported with the virus in Slovenia.

## Animals Positive for SARS-CoV-2: Globally by Species as of

December 6, 2021

#### 497 animals from 30 countries\*

Cats: 175

Dogs: 163

Pet ferrets: 2

• Tigers: 61

Lions: 42

Snow leopards: 11

Cougar: 3

Lynx: 1

Fishing Cat: 1

Binturong: 1

Coatimundi: 1

Gorillas: 14

Hyenas: 2

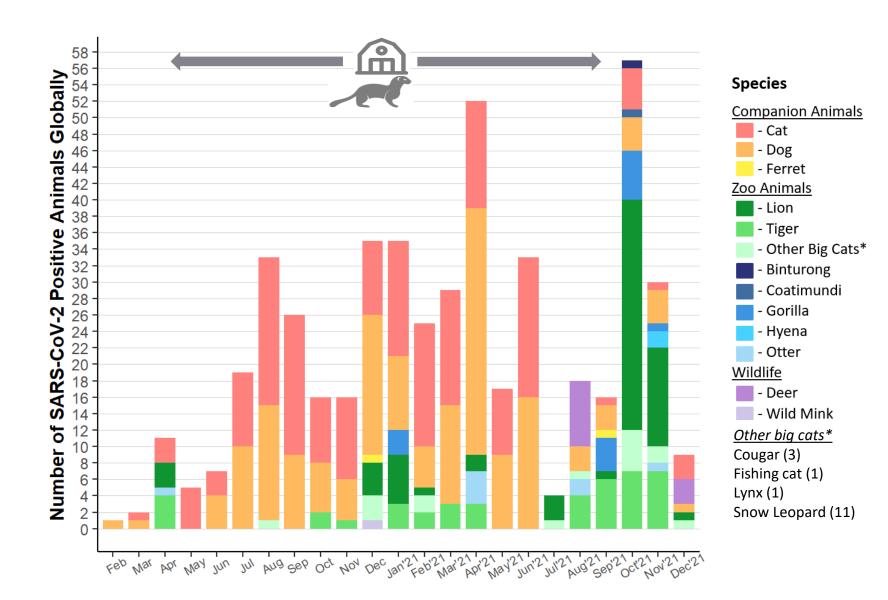
Asian small-clawed otters: 8

White-Tailed Deer: 11

Wild caught mink: 1

#### 445 mink farms in 12 countries

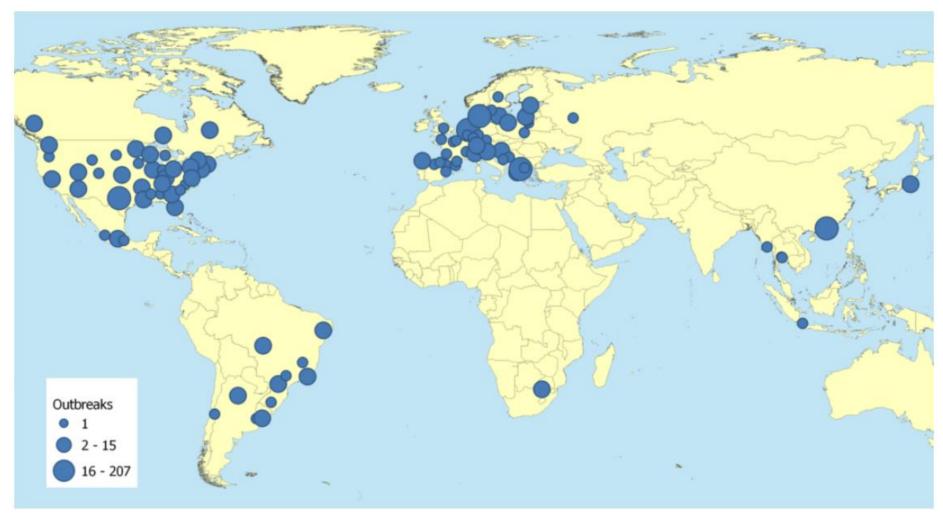
\*Does not include individual numbers of positive farmed mink



OIE: World Organization for Animal Health; USDA APHIS | Cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Animals in the United States

## SARS-CoV-2 Outbreaks in Animals Reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

as of November 16, 2021



## Mink Farms Confirmed with SARS-CoV-2 Globally

as of December 6, 2021

## 445 mink farms in12 countries

Denmark: 290

Netherlands: 69

• Greece: 25

Spain: 17

United States: 17

Sweden: 14

Canada: 3

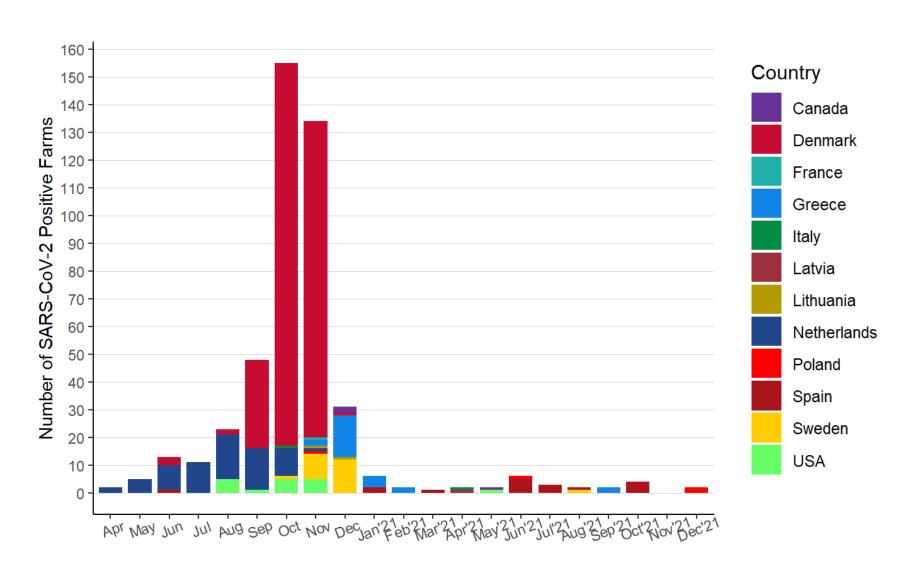
Italy: 2

Lithuania: 2

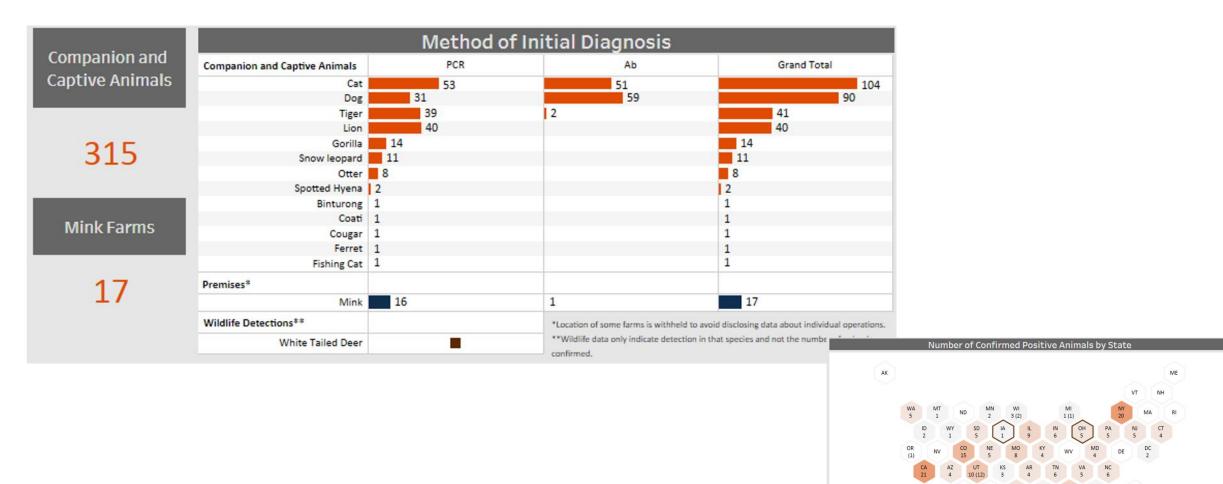
Poland: 4

France: 1

Latvia: 1



## Confirmed Cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Animals in US



Numbers) = counts of mink premises

Dark border indicates states with confirmed positive cases in wildlife

## List of SARS-CoV-2 Cases

Most recently identified case locations are listed first. Unless otherwise specified, the animal(s) had exposure to a probable or confirmed human with COVID-19.

\*Wildlife: A location type of "Wildlife" denotes that one or more confirmed positive cases have been detected in that species and state. Only the first detection of that species in that state is recorded in the case list; subsequent detections in that species in that state will not be listed.

\*\*PCR: real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; Ab: virus neutralizing antibody

Footnote 1: Samples collected as part of planned and targeted active surveillance of a specific animal, with known or suspected exposures to a person with COVID-19 or other exposure to SARS-CoV-2, to better understand risk factors for SARS-CoV-2 transmission.

Footnote 2: The COVID-19 status of human(s) associated with the case is unknown and/or under investigation.

Location =	Confirmed Date	Location Type - Animal*	State	Method of Initial Diagnosis**	Status	Footnote(s)	
199	11/24/2021	Conservatory - Lion a	North Carolina	PCR	Confirmed		
		Conservatory - Lion b	North Carolina	PCR	Confirmed		
		Conservatory - Lion c	North Carolina	PCR	Confirmed		
		Conservatory - Lion d	North Carolina	PCR	Confirmed		
198	11/23/2021	Household - Cat	California	PCR	Confirmed		
107	11/16/2021	Consequentes. Times	Mahanda	DCD	Confirmed		

## **United States Department of Agriculture**

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service** 

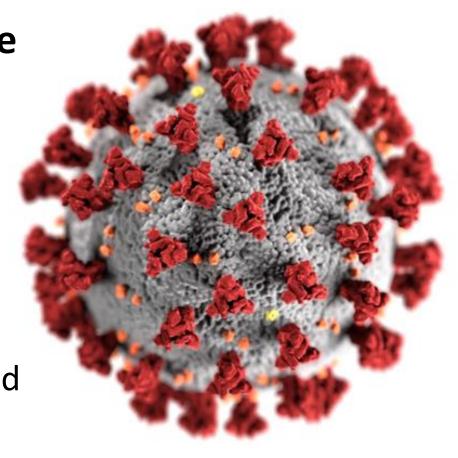
Dr. Tracey Dutcher: ARP Funding Strategic Framework Progress Update

Dr. John Korslund: Mink STAMP Plans

Dennis Kohler: White Tail Deer Surveillance Plans

Dennis Kohler: Wastewater-associated wildlife and rodent populations

Dr. Jessica Siegal-Willott: ZABRASS





# APHIS' Strategic Framework for Advancing SARS-CoV-2 and Emerging Disease Surveillance

Funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021

### **Strategic Framework Focus & Timeline**

Year 1: Address immediate threat of SARS-CoV-2 by improving our understanding of susceptibility, transmission and disease processes to plan effective prevention, surveillance and response activities; by effective communication and outreach with partners and stakeholders.

March 2021: APHIS receives \$300 million in ARP funding

March – July 2021: Planning

August 2021: Strategic Framework published for comment, first ARP project funded

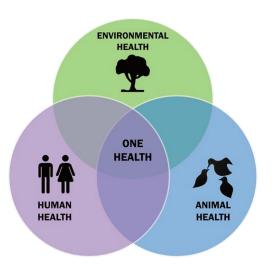
October 2021: Strategic Framework public comment period ended Oct. 8

**November 2021:** 3 additional projects funded

#### **Overview of Public Comments**

57 Comments Received: 46 (81%) fully supportive, 7 indeterminant, and 2 against

- 34 were substantive specific suggestions for how to meet Framework goals
- Themes included: data sharing/integration, NAHLN support, veterinary training, communication needs, collaboration opportunities (academia to wildlife rehabilitators), emphasis on need for companion animal surveillance

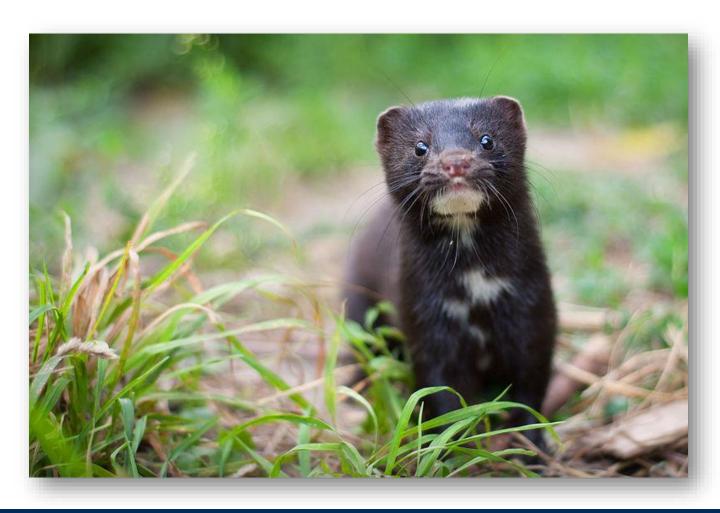


## Mink **STAMP**

(**S**ARS-CoV-2 **T**ransmission **A**voidance & **M**onitoring **P**rogram)

### **Operating Principles:**

- Focus on prevention
- One Health approach people are the #1 biosecurity risk to mink!
- SAHO/industry-led
- Voluntary -> producer trust critical
- Education-biosecurity-auditing-active surveillance
- Outbreaks-business continuity principles; recovery-release-monitor
- Monitor variants during outbreaks



## Mink STAMP: What can we learn?

Actively monitor for SARS-CoV-2 on mink farms

- Assess prevention measures
- Effect(s) of human and mink vaccines

Genetically monitor virus when disease occurs

- Monitor for variants / specific variants of concern in public health
- Monitor effect of vaccines or prior infection on reinfection

Understand herd ecology of virus to improve infection management:

- How long does the virus remain infectious in the herd?
- Does vaccine speed herd clearance?



## SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance in White-Tailed Deer (WTD)

Recent studies of SARS-CoV-2 in WTD have indicated the occurrence of both deer-to-deer and human-to-deer transmission

We are implementing an enhanced, multi-phased surveillance plan of SARS-CoV-2 in WTD in participating States across the US

#### Phase 1 goals:

- Is SARS-CoV-2 **persistent and circulating** in Free ranging WTD populations?
- Is there evidence of significant State and regional differences in circulation and prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 among sampled populations?



#### Questions and Answers: Results of Study on SARS-CoV-2 in White-Tailed Deer

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recently completed a study that analyzed serum samples from free-ranging white-tailed deer for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. Results of the study indicate that certain white-tailed deer populations in Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania were exposed to SARS-CoV-2.

#### Why did APHIS decide to do this study?

APHIS supports a One Health approach to address animal diseases, including SARS-COV-2. White-tailed deer are susceptible to SARS-COV-2, are abundant in the United States (approximately 30 million\*), and often come into close contact with people. Given these factors, we felt it prudent to further investigate SARS-Cov-2 in wild deer. Studying the susceptibility of certain mammals, such as deer, to the SARS-CoV-2 virus helps to identify species that may serve as reservoirs or hosts for the virus. It also helps us understand the origin of the virus and predict its impacts on wildlife and the risks of cross-species transmission.

#### What were the results?

APHIS collected a total of 481 samples between January 2020 and March 2021 from Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania. We detected SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in 33 percent of those samples. The results varied by State (Illinois = 7 percent of 101 samples contained antibodies; Michigan = 67 percent of 113 samples; New York = 19 percent of 68 samples; and Pennsylvania = 31 percent of 199 samples). Although the results indicate that certain white-tailed deer populations in these States were exposed to SARS-CoV-2, they should not be extrapolated to represent the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the deer populations as a whole.

We detected SARS-COV-2 antibodies in only 1 of the 143 samples collected before January 2020 (pre-COVID-19 pandemic in people). The single sample was at the minimum threshold of detection and was likely a false positive. This low-level detection is well within the expected false positive rate of the test used.



#### Did the deer get the virus from people, the environment, or other deer?

We do not know how the deer were exposed to SARS-CoV-2. It's possible they were exposed through people, the environment, other deer, or another animal species.

#### Could the deer spread the virus to people?

There is no evidence that animals, including deer, are playing a significant role in the spread of SARS-CoV-2 to people. Based on the available information, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is low.

#### Do deer show clinical signs of illness?

This was not the focus of our study. However, there were no reports of clinical illness associated with SARS-CoV-2 in the deer populations we surveyed, and clinical signs of SARS-CoV-2 have not been observed in wild white-tailed deer. In addition, captive deer experimentally infected with SARS-CoV-2 as part of a USDA Agricultural Research Service study did not show clinical signs of illness.

#### Could the test be detecting antibodies to another virus (i.e., might the test be cross-reacting)?

Scientists at APHIS' National Wildlife Research Center used a commercially available SARS-CoV-2 antibody screening test known to be highly specific (accurate) for use in other species. However, it has not been validated on deer. To help reduce concerns that the commercial test may have detected antibodies to another virus (also known as cross-reacting), we also tested a subset of samples at APHIS' National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA, using a different test specific to SARS-CoV-2. Both analyses resulted in identical findings.

## Phase 1: 41 States Targeted for SARS-CoV-2 WTD Sampling

#### Sample Source (Wild Deer):

- **✓** Hunter harvest
- ✓ Wildlife Services collected during wildlife damage management activities

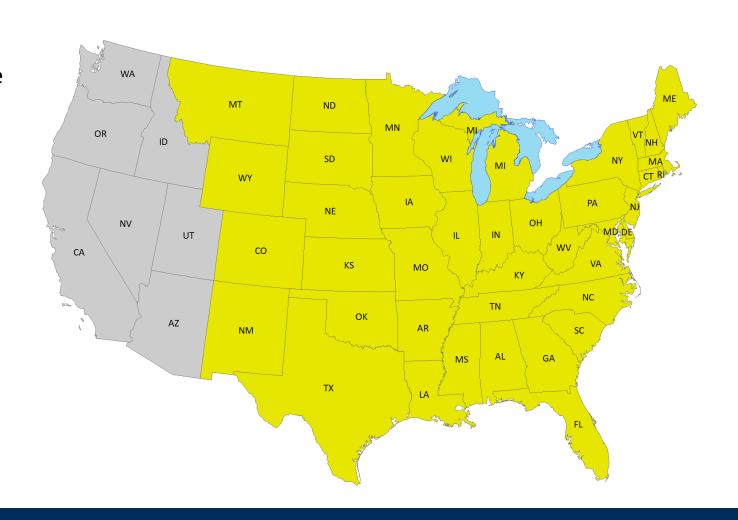
#### Paired samples

- ✓ Nasal swabs
- ✓ Blood samples (Nobuto strips)

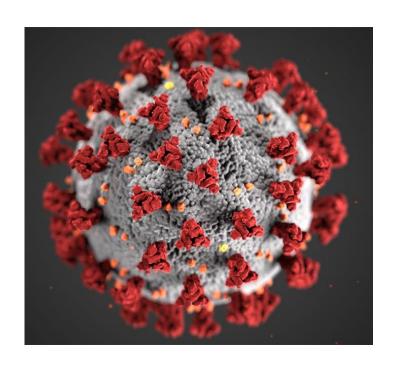
#### Sample size per state

- ✓ 500 1000 per state
- ✓ Nov 2021-Feb 2022 (Phase 1)

Results expected: Spring 2022



## Evaluation of Wastewater-associated Wildlife and Rodent Populations as Potential Source of Mutations of SARS-CoV-2



## **Activity Overview**

- Investigate origin of unique SARS-CoV-2 viral sequences in wastewater systems
- Sample and test wildlife for viral antibodies
- Identify viral mutations to better understand spread and transmissibility

## Evaluation of Wastewater-associated Wildlife and Rodent Populations as Potential Source of Mutations of SARS-CoV-2

## **Activity Logistics**

- Sample wastewater systems in NY and MO
- Rodents, raccoons, other wildlife
- Test at UM for SARS-CoV-2 virus antibodies
- Results expected in early 2022





## **ZABRASS**

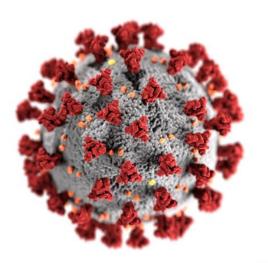
(Zoos and Aquaria Biosecurity Risk Assessment with SARS-CoV-2 Serology)

### Serology

- Pre- pandemic and current pandemic conditions
- ~2000 3000 Samples
- 30 50 Facilities

### **Biosecurity**

- On-Site Evaluations
- Assess Practices using Standardized Tool
- Improve Protocols
- Peri-domestic wildlife testing





## **ZABRASS**

- Species Exposure
- Biosecurity Best Practices
  - Physical / chemical biosecurity measures
  - Personnel management
- Role of Peri-domestic Wildlife
- Template for Future Infectious Disease Outbreaks









## **ZABRASS**

#### **Communications & Collaborations**

- Designated Staff for Communications
- Results Reported to Individual Participating Institutions
- Collaborate with Facilities with Projects Underway
- Collaborate with Public Health

#### **Establishing Partnerships**

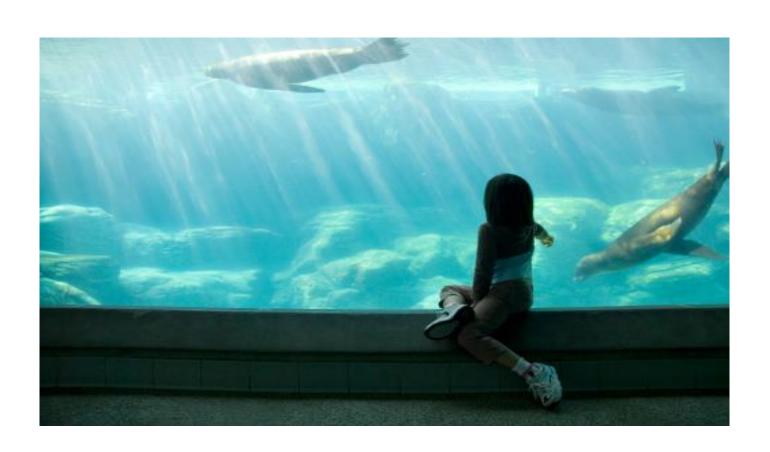
- States
- Zoos, Aquaria, Wildlife Facilities
- Zoo and Aquarium All Hazards Partnership
- Other Federal Agencies



**Expected Results: Late 2022** 

## **COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities**

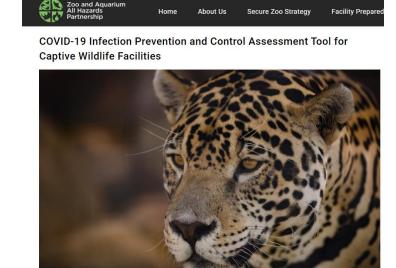
Dr. Kate Varela, CDC



## **COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities**

Zoos, Sanctuaries, Aquaria, and Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centers

- Developed using a collaborative, One Health approach
  - Association of Zoos and Aquariums
  - Zoo & Wildlife Subgroup of the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination group (OH-FICC)
  - Additional partners
- Modeled on other infection control assessment tools and adapted to captive wildlife settings
- Informed by zoo investigation findings, SARS-CoV-2 and wildlife guidance, and biosecurity principles



November 30, 20:

## **COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities**

Zoos, Sanctuaries, Aquaria, and Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centers

#### Tool Objectives

- User friendly
- Check minimum components of a biosecurity plan to ensure baseline level of protection is in place
- Identify gaps in control measures
- Guide improvement activities
- Address identified gaps in biosecurity

Goal: Help facilities develop layered approach using multiple strategies to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission



COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities



November 30, 20

## **COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities**

Zoos, Sanctuaries, Aquaria, and Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centers

#### Checklist:

Section 1. General Infection Prevention and Control

Section 2. Hand Hygiene

Section 3. Environmental Cleaning

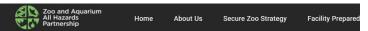
Section 4. SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination & Testing

Section 5. Staff and Visitor Education

Section 6. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Section 7. Other Public Health Control Measures

#### Resources



COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities



November 30, 2021

# Facility Self-Assessment Checklist for Biosecurity Measures

#### COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities:

#### Zoos, Sanctuaries, Aquaria, and Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centers

This checklist provides a guide for baseline biosecurity measures and controls that should be in place to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2 between animals housed in captive wildlife facilities and people (including employees such as caretakers, maintenance staff and other employees, volunteers, and the public) who may have direct or indirect contact with animals or their environment

This assessment tool is meant to be used by the administrator(s) in charge of infection prevention and control at the facility, occupational health, respiratory protection, human resources, veterinary staff, or facilities and maintenance. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of considerations for preventing SARS-CoV-2 transmission, but a quick check of the minimum components of a biosecurity plan to ensure a baseline level of protection is in place. A layered approach using multiple strategies, including social distancing, personal protective equipment, hand hygiene, vaccination, and other items described in this list is recommended to reduce the spread of disease between people (whether working or visiting) and animals housed at these facilities.

#### Instructions:

- While completing this assessment, consider all areas of the facility where susceptible animal species are housed and complete a separate
  assessment for each if policies and practices differ depending on the housing location.
- · The preferred answer to most questions is yes, unless specified otherwise.
- Suggestions are provided to improve the biosecurity area in the case that it is not currently being implemented at the facility.
- A list of resources is available at the end of the checklist.

Facility self-assessment checklist for biosecurity measures in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission between people and animals at zoos, sanctuaries, aquaria, and wild animal rehabilitation centers.

#### Section 1. General Infection Prevention and Control

Question	Yes	No	Suggestions to improve this biosecurity area	
GENERAL FACILITY MANAGEMENT				
1. Are COVID-19 symptom and			A COVID-19 symptom and temperature screening system is recommended for anyone entering the	
temperature screening in place for:			facility. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, is confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, or exposure to someone else with COVID-19 should not enter the facility or interact with or around known or susceptible animal species.  An example of a screening program can be found here:  https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Employervisitorscreeningguidance.pdf	

### What's next?

 Distribute Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities

<u>COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities - Zoo and Aquarium All Hazards</u>
Partnership (zahp.org)

Zoo and Aquarium All Hazards
 Partnership Webinar, December 8



### SARS-COV-2 AND ZOO ANIMALS

Presented in collaboration with the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Group

Join representatives from the OHFICC Wildlife and Zoos subgroup, zoological institutions, Taxon Advisory Groups, and more for important updates regarding:

- SARS-CoV-2 infections in zoos
- Preventative measures
- Taxon specific recommendations
- Case studies
- · and more!

Q & A will follow formal presentations.



## Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Pilot Site Surveillance Projects

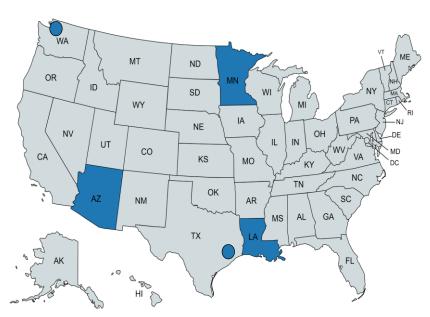
Dr. Ria Ghai, CDC



# CDC and Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Pilot Surveillance Projects

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Establish surveillance & investigation activities for SARS-CoV-2 in animals
- Establish One Health collaboration mechanism to ensure coordinated animal case detection, investigation, guidance development
- Understand animal SARS-CoV-2 transmission role in the United States
- Identify existing mechanisms & legislation related to emerging zoonotic diseases to support sustained surveillance efforts



## CDC and CSTE Pilot Surveillance Projects – Focus Areas

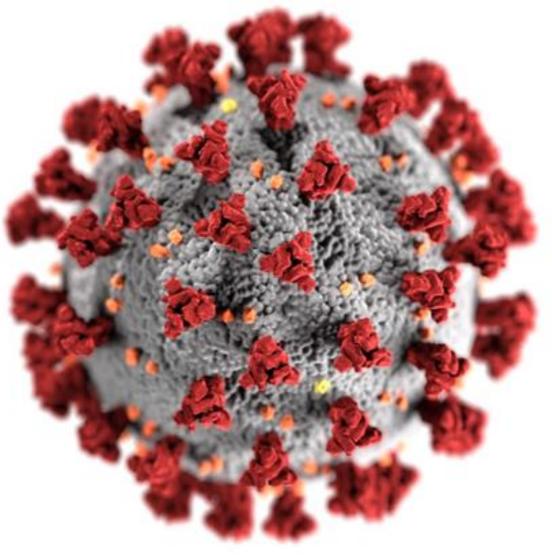
SITE	SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM	INTERFACE(S)	ANIMAL GROUPS
Arizona	Active Case-Based	-Households with COVID-19 -Assisted Living Facilities	Companion animals – cats, dogs
		-Shelters -Zoos	Ferrets Susceptible zoo species
Harris County, Texas	Active Case-Based; Event-based	-Households with COVID-19 -Spay/Neuter Clinics	Companion animals – cats, dogs
Louisiana	Passive/Active Public health reporting	-Veterinary clinic patients -Shelters	Companion animals – cats, dogs
Minnesota	Active Case-based	-Wildlife rehabilitation centers	Susceptible wildlife
		-Free-ranging wildlife -Zoos	Susceptible wildlife Susceptible zoo species
Seattle King County, Washington	Active Case-based	-Households with COVID-19	Companion animals – cats, dogs

### CDC and CSTE Surveillance: Wrap-Up & the Second Generation

- Pilot Projects: End December 2021
- 2022: CSTE Funding Opportunity Announcement is live:
  - <u>SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance and Capacity Building at the Human-Animal-</u> Environment Interface
- Objectives:
  - Characterize SARS-CoV-2 transmission dynamics by species and interaction type;
  - Strain characterization and genomic surveillance at the human-animal interface;
  - Enhance the sustainability of existing zoonotic SARS-CoV-2 surveillance;
  - Develop mechanisms to improve sustainability of One Health coordination and zoonotic SARS-CoV-2 surveillance
  - One Health preparedness for emerging zoonotic diseases at the human-animalenvironment interface.

## **Guidance and Resources**



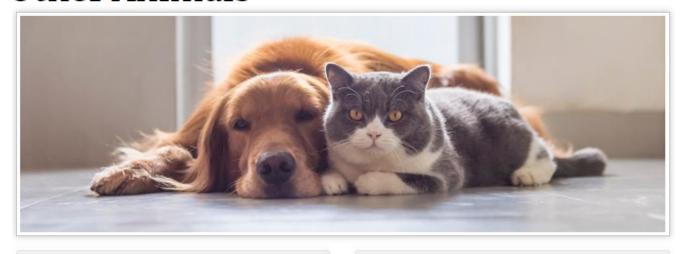


# CDC Guidance: Information about COVID-19, Pets, and Other Animals

### **Updated Guidance:**

- Evaluation for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals
- What You Should Know about COVID-19 and Pets
- Guidance to Reduce the Risk of SARS-CoV-2 Spreading between People and Wildlife

## Information about COVID-19, Pets, and Other Animals



#### Pet Owners

Learn how to keep pets safe from COVID-19 and what to do if your pet tests positive.

#### Handling Wildlife

Guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to wildlife in different settings

## Service and Therapy Animal Handlers

Information to protect service and therapy animals and their handlers

#### Veterinarians

Guidance for veterinary clinics on operating during the COVID-19 pandemic

## **Updated: Evaluation for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Animals**

- Test animals with epidemiological link to SARS-CoV-2 regardless of clinical presentation
- New recommendations for farmed mink

Criteria	Epidemiological Risk		Clinical Features
А	Animal with history of exposure <sup>3</sup> to a person or animal suspected or confirmed to be infected with SARS-CoV-2.		Animal is asymptomatic; OR Animal has clinical signs suspicious of SARS-CoV-2
В	Animal with exposure to a known high-risk environment (i.e., where human cases or animal cases have occurred), such as a residence, facility, or vessel (e.g. nursing home, prison, cruise ship).		infection. <sup>3</sup>
С	Threatened, endangered or otherwise imperiled/rare animal <sup>4</sup> in a rehabilitation, sanctuary or zoological facility with possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through an infected person or animal.		Animal is asymptomatic; OR Animal has clinical signs suspicious of SARS-CoV-2 infection <sup>3</sup> .
D	Animals in a mass care or group setting (e.g., farm, animal feeding operation, animal shelter, boarding facility, zoo, or other animal holding) including companion animals, livestock, and other species, where their exposure history to people with COVID-19 is unknown.	AND	A cluster of animals show clinical signs suspicious of SARS-CoV-2 infection. <sup>3</sup>
Е	Farmed mink ( <i>Neovison vison</i> ). Farmed mink refers to mink bred or raised in captivity for their fur and other by-products.	AND	Animals are asymptomatic; OR One or more animals have clinical signs suspicious of SARS-CoV-2 infection <sup>3</sup> .

#### What You Should Know About COVID-19 and Pets

- Webpage streamlined
- No new recommendations

#### What you need to know

- The virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals during close contact.
- The risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is low.
- Pets can get serious illness from infection with the virus that causes COVID-19, but this is extremely rare.

On This Page

Risk of the virus that causes COVID-19 spreading between pets and people

Protect pets if you are sick

What to do if you think your pet has the virus that causes COVID-19

What to do if your pet tests positive

Guidance and recommendations

## **Key Messages on Animals and COVID-19**

- No evidence animals are playing significant role in spread of COVID-19 to people
- Based on available information, risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is low
- The virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals, especially during close contact
- If sick with COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed), avoid contact with pets & other animals, as you would with people
- Talk to your veterinarian if a pet gets sick or you have concerns about your pet's health



### **Stay Up-to-Date with Trusted Resources**

#### **COVID-19 and Animals**

- Pets and Other Animals
- FAQs: COVID-19 and Animals
- COVID-19 and Animals
- If You Have Pets
- What to Do if Your Pet Tests Positive for the Virus that Causes COVID-19
- Guidance for Handlers of Service and Therapy Animals
- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Veterinary Clinics
   Treating Companion Animals During the COVID-19 Response
- Interim Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People With
   COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals
- Toolkit: One Health Approach to Address Companion Animals with SARS-CoV 2
- Interim Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Testing in North American Wildlife
- Interim recommendations for intake of companion animals from households
   where humans with COVID-19 are present
- Recommendations for Disaster Sheltering of Household Pets, Service Animals, and Support Animals during the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### **Federal COVID-19 Websites**

- USA.gov
- Coronavirus.gov
- US Department of Agriculture
  - USDA Confirmed Cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Animals in the US
- US Food and Drug Administration
  - https://www.fda.gov/media/139430/download
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Partner COVID-19 Websites**

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)

#### **One Health**

- CDC One Health
- CDC Healthy Pets, Healthy People
- CDC Pet Emergency Preparedness
- CDC Pet Disaster Kit
- CDC Pets in Evacuation Centers
- Zoonoses and One Health Updates Call
- USDA One Health

# One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Group (OH-FICC)

- > >20 Federal Agencies Representing Multiple Departments
  - Chaired by CDC
  - Coordination with >150 US Government partners

**Purpose:** Bring together representatives from key federal agencies representing multiple departments to collaborate to address One Health technical aspects of COVID-19



## Five OH-FICC Subgroups and Agency Chairs



**Companion Animals** 

Animal Diagnostics Wildlife and Zoo and Testing

**Animals** 

**Production Animals** 





CDC



FDA-CVM, USDA-NVSL



**DOI USGS** 



**USDA-APHIS** 



ATSDR, CDC

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FDA-CVM: Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine

USDA-NVSL: United States Department of Agriculture National Veterinary Services Laboratories

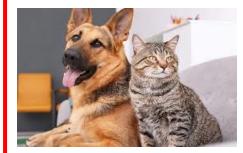
DOI USGS: Department of the Interior, US Geological Survey

APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

ATSDR: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

## **Companion Animals Subgroup**

#### **Companion Animals**







**Animal Diagnostics Wildlife and Zoo** and Testing



FDA-CVM, USDA-NVSL

## **Animals**



**DOI USGS** 

### **Production Animals**



**USDA-APHIS** 

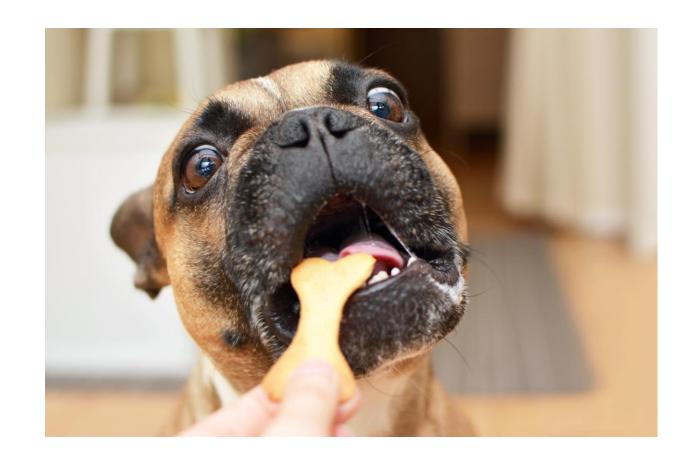
#### **Environmental** Health



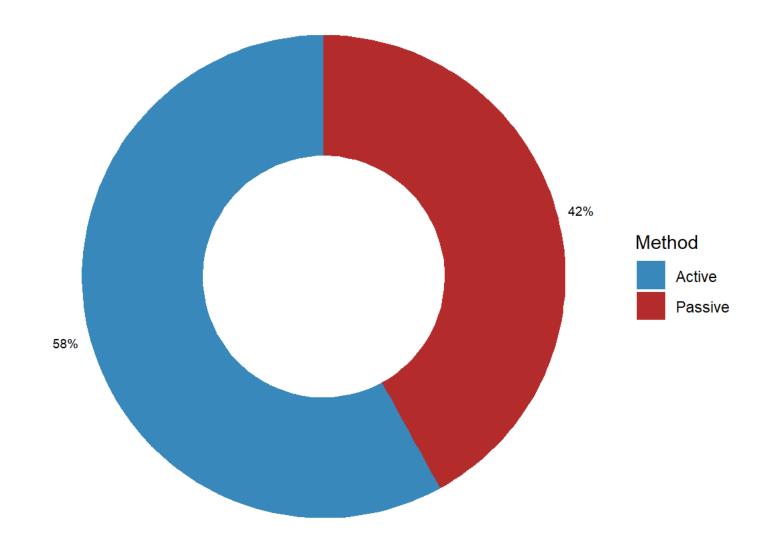
ATSDR, CDC

## **Companion Animals Subgroup: Focus Areas**

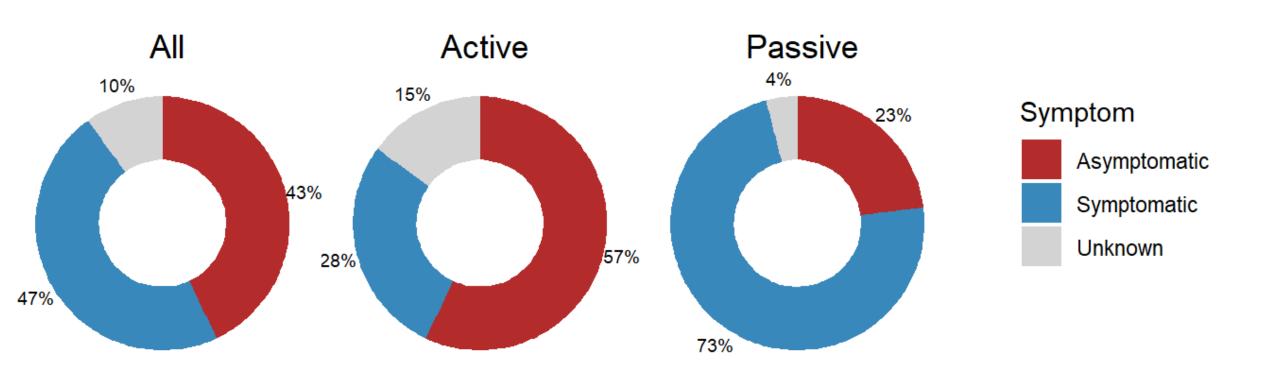
- Working dogs
- Service & therapy animals
- Tracking information on vaccines for pets
- Monitoring clinical signs in companion animals
- Sequencing samples from positive companion animals



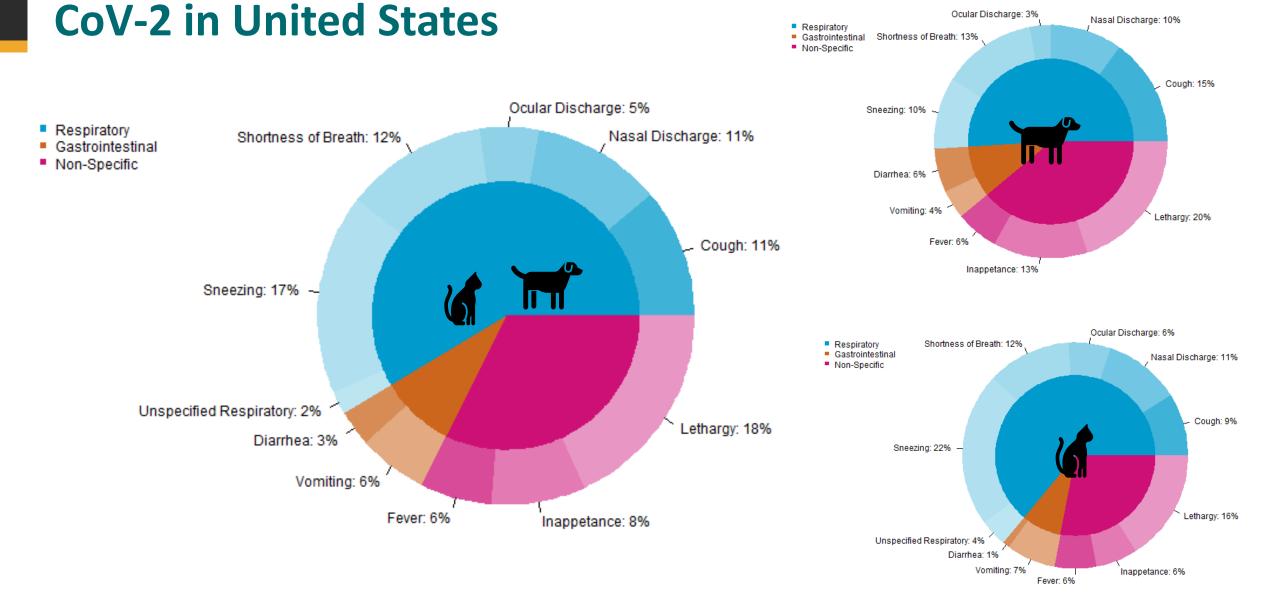
## Detection of Companion Animal Cases of SARS-CoV-2 in the US Active vs. Passive Surveillance



# Clinical Sign Prevalence in Companion Animals with SARS-CoV-2 in United States



## Clinical Presentation of Companion Animals with SARS-



## Wildlife and Zoo Animals Subgroup Updates

#### Companion **Animals**

(Mass Care, Working Animals)



**CDC** 

#### Animal Diagnostics Wildlife and Zoo and Testing



FDA-CVM, USDA-NVSL

## **Animals**











#### **Production Animals** (previously Livestock)



**USDA-APHIS** 

#### **Environmental** Health



ATSDR, CDC

## **Captive Wildlife**

- Developed a zoo and captive wildlife biosecurity self assessment check list
- Co-hosting a webinar on December 8, at 3 pm ET



#### SARS-COV-2 AND ZOO ANIMALS

Presented in collaboration with the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19
Coordination Group

Join representatives from the OHFICC Wildlife and Zoos subgroup, zoological institutions, Taxon Advisory Groups, and more for important updates regarding:

- SARS-CoV-2 infections in zoos
- Preventative measures
- Taxon specific recommendations
- Case studies
- and more!

Q & A will follow formal presentations.



December 8
3 PM to 5 PM ET

Register at https://bit.ly/SARS-CoV-2andZoos

Organized in coordination with the Wildlife and Zoos Subgroup of the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Group (OHFICC) and the USGS National Wildlife Health Center.



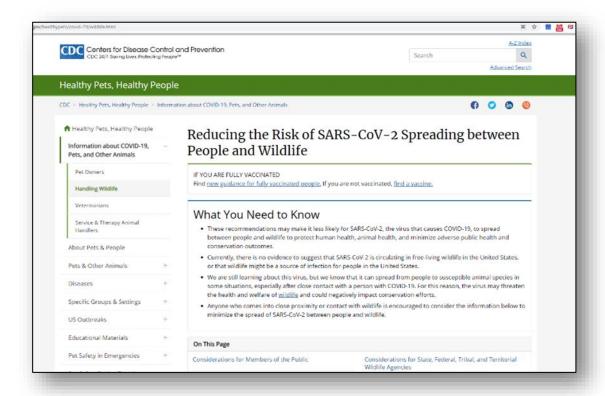
## Free-living Wildlife

- Recent studies have indicated multiple human to deer SARS-CoV-2 transmission events and subsequent deer-to-deer transmission
- Risks need to be assessed
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has issued guidance:
  - https://www.fishwildlife.org/applic ation/files/5516/3277/5426/Guida nceSARS-CoV2 Whitetailed Deer SEP2021.pdf



## **Updated Wildlife Guidance on the CDC Website**

The Zoo and Wildlife Subgroup of the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Team has updated FAQs and management guidance based on international and domestic findings.



Guidance to Reduce the Risk of SARS-CoV-2 Spreading between People and Wildlife (cdc.gov)

Publishing vetted & synthesized Wildlife/SARS-CoV-2 information quickly allows wildlife management agencies to:

- Access and utilize the most up to date research and surveillance information for decision making
- 2. Create step-down guidance for field work using the information as a reference (e.g. AFWA guidance on bats, mustelids, felids, canids, white-tailed deer)
- 3. Share the site to help inform stakeholders and the public about wildlife health and public health

### **Research and Science Updates**

- Multiple spillovers and onward transmission of SARS-Cov-2 in free-living and captive White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) Kuchipudi et al.
   2021, bioRxiv
- First evidence of human-to-dog transmission of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.160 variant in France Medkour et al. 2021, Transboundary and Emerging Diseases
- SARS-CoV-2-specific antibodies in domestic cats during first COVID-19 wave,
   Europe Schulz et al. 2021, Emerging Infectious Diseases

## **Highlighted One Health Publications**

Open Access Article

SARS-CoV-2 Infections and Viral Isolations among Serially Tested Cats and Dogs in Households with Infected Owners in Texas, USA

by ( Sarah A. Hamer 1,\* ≥ 0, Alex Pauvolid-Corrêa 1,2 ≥, ( Italo B. Zecca 1 ≥ 0,





An Opportunistic Survey Reveals an Unexpected Coronavirus **Diversity Hotspot in North America** 

Hon S. Ip 1,80, Kathryn M. Griffin 10, Jeffrey D. Messer 1, Megan E. Winzeler 1, Susan A. Shriner 20, Mary Lea Killian 3, Mia K. Torchetti 3, Thomas J. DeLiberto 2, Brian R. Amman 40, Caitlin M. Cossaboom 40, R. Reid Harvey 4, Natalie M. Wendling 4, Hannah Rettler 5, Dean Taylor 6, Jonathan S. Towner 40, Casey Barton Behravesh 4 and David S. Blehert 1



One Health Investigation of SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Seropositivity among Pets in Households with Confirmed Human COVID-19 Cases—Utah and Wisconsin, 2020

by Carace W. Goryoka 1,\* 1 (a) Caitlin M. Cossaboom 1 (b) Radhika Gharpure 1 (c) Patrick Dawson 1 (c)

#### Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association

November 1, 2021, Vol. 259, No. 9, Pages 1032-1039 https://doi.org/10.2460/javma.259.9.1032

Determining the role of natural SARS-CoV-2 infection in the death of domestic pets: 10 cases (2020–2021)

Ann Carpenter DVM, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Ria R. Ghai PhD<sup>1</sup>; Joy Gary DVM, PhD<sup>1</sup>; Jana M. Ritter DVM<sup>1</sup>; Francisco R. Carvallo DVM, DS



SHORT COMMUNICATION ① Open Access ② ( )





SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 variant of concern detected in a pet dog and cat after exposure to a person with COVID-19, USA

Sarah A. Hamer 🔀 Ria R. Ghai, Italo B. Zecca, Lisa D. Auckland, Christopher M. Roundy, Edward Davila,

Viruses | One Health Investigation of SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Seropositivity among Pets in Households with Confirmed Human COVID-19 Cases—Utah and Wisconsin, 2020 SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 variant of concern detected in a pet dog and cat after exposure to a person with COVID-19, USA - Hamer - - Transboundary and Emerging Diseases - Wiley Online Library Viruses | Free Full-Text | An Opportunistic Survey Reveals an Unexpected Coronavirus Diversity Hotspot in North America (mdpi.com) Viruses | Free Full-Text | SARS-CoV-2 Infections and Viral Isolations among Serially Tested Cats and Dogs in Households with Infected Owners in Texas, USA (mdpi.com)

Determining the Role of Natural SARS-CoV-2 Infection in the Death of Ten Domestic Pets | Research Square

## **Stay Connected for Future Updates!**

#### Get the latest news from CDC One Health Office



<u>Subscribe</u> to One Health Newsletter



Subscribe to Healthy Pets, Healthy People Newsletter



Sign up for ZOHU Call updates
Watch ZOHU recordings



onehealth@cdc.gov

www.cdc.gov/onehealth

For ZOHU inquiries:

zohucall@cdc.gov



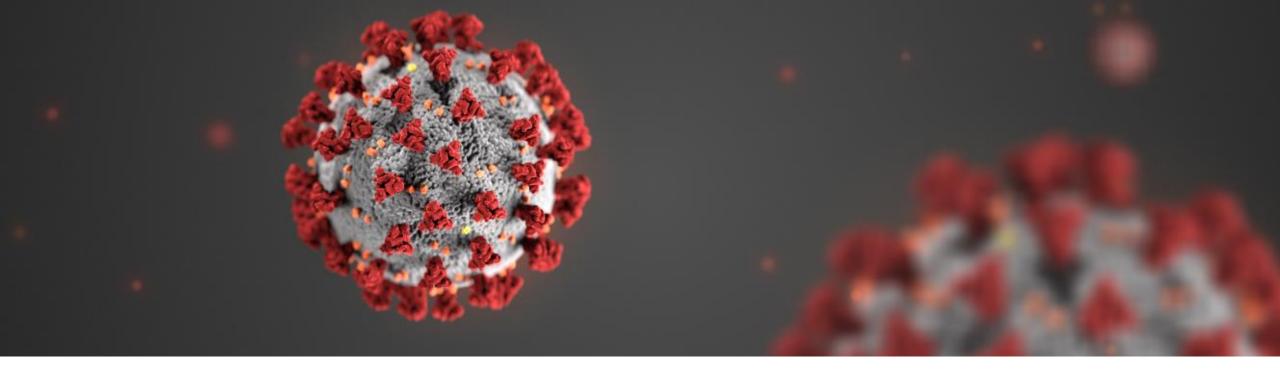
Follow @CDC NCEZID on Twitter

#### **Future One Health Partners COVID-19 Webinars**

Stay tuned for the date of our next call!

If others are interested in being invited to this recurring call, please direct them to <a href="mailto:onehealth@cdc.gov">onehealth@cdc.gov</a>





For more information, contact CDC 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

#### OneHealth@cdc.gov

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

