



COVID-19 Spay/Neuter Assessment Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to assess the factors that may impact your organization's ability to reimplement non-emergency spay/neuter surgeries:

If your city, municipality, province, or the location you are servicing, had a stay at home order, has it been lifted or modified to allow for non-essential services?

If you will be traveling to other communities to provide services, have local conditions in the host community been evaluated, including review of any local mandates?

Have any specific directives suspending elective surgeries or spay/neuter surgeries been lifted?

Has the province issued specific guidelines for veterinary clinics that need to be incorporated? Can your program safely meet those mandates?

Has the provincial government or veterinary regulatory body issued guidance on spay/neuter surgeries and, if so, can your program safely meet those recommendations?

Are an adequate number of clinic or program staff and volunteers willing and able to work at a reopened clinic?

Have you determined your capacity for spay/neuter based on your available staff/volunteers or the capacity of local clinics?

If you are utilizing local veterinary clinics, are they performing “non-essential” surgeries?

Do you have protocols in place for maintaining current public health agencies’ social distancing and disease mitigation guidelines between staff, volunteers, and clients when providing spay/neuter for shelter animals? For community cats? For owned pets?

Do you have updated protocols for transporting animals to and from the clinic?

Do you have a protocol in the event a staff member or volunteer tests positive for COVID-19?

Do you have protocols in place to prioritize patients and clients with the greatest need and the greatest ability to maintain social distancing?

Is the use of PPE and medical supplies not likely to interfere with the availability for the human health system?

Do you have access to sufficient PPE and, if supplies are limited, do you have protocols to conserve PPE that do not increase the risks to staff and volunteers?

Have you developed and implemented training of all new protocols for staff and volunteers?

Do you have sufficient supplies to operate and have you updated protocols to account for any drugs or other supplies on backorder?
