

## **VETERINARIAN AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED FOR COVID-19 TESTING FOR ANIMALS**

Veterinarians contact Dr. Emilio DeBess, State Public Health Veterinarian ([Emilio.E.DEBESS@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Emilio.E.DEBESS@dhsosha.state.or.us)) to request animal testing. Once the decision is made to test, the veterinarian will be advised on how to collect samples with proper PPE (eye protection, mask, gown, and gloves in a closed room).

- Use only Dacron or polyester swabs to collect a deep oral or nasal sample.
- Place swabs in a sterile tube with ¼ cc of saline (no gel or anticoagulant).
- Close the tube and refrigerate. Ship overnight on ice packs (M-Th only). Do not ship on Friday.
- A fecal sample may be included if available. Must be placed in a sealed leak proof container.

### **No gloves**

- Complete the OSU OVDL general submission form:  
[https://vetmed.oregonstate.edu/sites/vetmed.oregonstate.edu/files/general\\_submission\\_form\\_07.08.16.pdf](https://vetmed.oregonstate.edu/sites/vetmed.oregonstate.edu/files/general_submission_form_07.08.16.pdf)

Requests should contain the following information:

- Animal owner's name, address, email address, and phone number
- Animal's name, species, age, sex
- Animal's location if different from the owner's address
- Veterinarian's reason for testing the animal(s)
- Findings of physical, radiographic, or sonographic examinations and complete patient history

Clean and disinfect the room after sample collection has been completed.