



COVID-19 employment law webinar: March 25, noon - 1 p.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised a host of questions concerning veterinary practices' ability to take certain actions to stay afloat during the crisis. Common questions include:

- Can I lay off employees or unilaterally reduce their hours?
- How do I deal with employees who need to quarantine or self-isolate?
- How do I handle employees who refuse to work for safety reasons?

To address these questions and many more, OVMA will be hosting a **webinar on COVID-19 employment law Wednesday, March 25 from noon to 1 p.m.** The webinar will feature a presentation by Jordan Morelli and Tamara Ramsey from Dale & Lessmann, LLC, which provides legal counsel to OVMA, and it will offer members an opportunity to ask questions about issues of concern (note: the ability to ask questions is only available to those who join the webinar via computer). The webinar will be recorded and made available to OVMA members who are unable to attend live.

The webinar is free to attend for OVMA members. To join the webinar, visit <https://zoom.us/j/711478629>. Or join by phone (one-tap mobile) by dialling +1.587.328.1099 or +1.647.374.4685. The meeting ID is: 711 478 629.

Resources for bovine practitioners

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) has developed publicly available [resources for cattle veterinarians](#) during the COVID-19 outbreak. To access the resources, visit the [AABP homepage](#).

Resources for equine practitioners

To assist equine veterinarians, several resources are available and shared below. As this situation is fluid and changing by the minute, updates will continue to be provided through NewsHound.

Equestrian Canada

- [COVID-19 and Equestrian Facility Operations](#)
- [COVID-19 Information Page](#)
- [List of Cancelled Events](#)

American Association of Equine Practitioners

- [COVID-19 Information Page](#)

OAHN Network

- [Farriers Working in a COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Caring for Your Horse During a Pandemic](#)

Worms and Germs Blog – Dr. Scott Weese

- <https://www.wormsandgermsblog.com/>

Ontario Equestrian

- [Statement on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Farmed Animal Antimicrobial Stewardship

- [Biosecurity Practices for Ontario's Equine Industry](#)

OVMA COVID-19 resources

OVMA has developed a [Coronavirus FAQ](#) page with resources and information to support our members. A [checklist](#) has also been provided that sets out actions practices should take to safeguard employees and clients and plan for the future.

OVMA's new member service, Smart.Vet, allows you to offer clients remote consultations by text, phone or video via a telehealth platform branded for your practice. OVMA members receive a special discounted rate. [Learn more about Smart.Vet](#) or [sign up](#) for the service.

Stay tuned for more resources for companion animal veterinarians, which will be available soon.

Access OVMA's Member Assistance Program

As we continue to work through these uncertain times together, please don't forget to take care of your own physical and mental health and support those around you. Mental health and other support services are available to members and their immediate family members through OVMA's [Member Assistance Program](#).

You can access support by calling 1.800.387.4765 (TTY: 1.800.338.0275), through workhealthlife.com or by downloading the MY EAP app at your device app store. The MAP's online chat feature is also available and is fully staffed with intake professionals who are ready to connect.



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