

Dear Dog Parents,

There has been an uptick of cases of the upper respiratory virus circulating in the Baltimore County area. This includes dogs that have visited dog-social environments such as daycares, vets, dog parks, dog stores, and any other dog social venues. We pride ourselves on being fully transparent with our clients, so we're putting this information in your hands for you to decide how to proceed. We are strongly advising any immune compromised or deficient dogs to not attend our Cockeysville resort until further notice. This includes dogs with existing respiratory conditions, young puppies 6 months and under, and any other dogs with special needs that puts them at higher risk for infections/viruses.

We will providing more updates as we receive more information. Please see the below document provided by Eastern Animal Hospital for more information.

ATTENTION DOG PARENTS!

There are increased reports of respiratory illness in dogs in the Baltimore area. While we do not yet know exactly what the cause of the recent spike in cases is at this time, many bacteria and viruses make up the respiratory disease complex. Thankfully, some of these illnesses can either be prevented, or lessened, through vaccines, such as Bordetella and Influenza.

These illness are very contagious (incubation period of four-to-seven days after exposure and can shed for 21 days after).

If your pet is showing signs of a cough or respiratory illness, but is otherwise acting normally (eating, playful)--BE MINDFUL--and avoid social settings such as daycare, grooming, kennels/boarding, dog parks, and/or dog get-togethers. There is no reason to come to our hospital if signs are mild. Symptoms should resolve within one-to-two weeks.

If your dog has a persistent cough, decreased appetite, fever or lethargy occurs, please contact us immediately for instructions on how to help your pet.

Again, if your pet is showing any signs of respiratory illness, please be sure to practice doggie "social distancing" for 21 days. To prepare now to keep your dog safe--it is critical to get your dog vaccinated or boosted.

To schedule your dog's vaccinations, to talk to us about your sick pet, or if you have quesitons/concerns, please feel free to call us at 410-633-8808 or email us at vets@easternanimalhospital.com.

For more information, on Canine Influenza/Dog Flu feel free to check out the following link, which contains valuable information from our partners at Merck Animal Health: DogFlu.com



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