

COVID-19 and Service Dogs

PETS FAQ AND RESOURCES

COVID 19 is affecting people from all walks of life in New York State, including pet owners and potentially those who utilize service animals.

The Centers for Disease Control recommend that people with COVID-19 should be advised to tell their public health point of contact that they have pets or other animals in their home.

In addition to other prevention measures, people with COVID-19 who are identified by public health officials as requiring home care and isolation should be advised to **limit interaction with pets and other animals**. Specifically, while these people are symptomatic, they should maintain separation from pets as they would with other household members, and avoid direct contact with pets, including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food.

The guidance from CDC states that service animals should be permitted to remain with their handlers. But what if that is not possible? Individuals who have the virus or are in an affected containment zone may face challenges such as relocation, pet care, pet food, pet medical needs and so on.

Reach out to the following services for transitions involving service dogs:

Canine Companions for Independence, Northeast Training Center

Miller Family Campus
286 Middle Island Road
Medford, NY 11763
(631) 561-0200 Voice
(631) 561-0230 Fax
(800) 572-BARK (2275) Toll-free
<https://www.cci.org/locations/northeast/>

Westchester County - guide dog school

Guiding Eyes for the Blind
611 Granite Springs Rd.
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Phone: 800-942-0149
Phone: 914-245-4024

General information regarding guide dogs

<https://www.nfb.org/resources/guide-dog-resources>

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