

### STATEMENT April 2022

The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association supports and recommends the continued use of masks in Manitoba veterinary practices. Current literature and Health Canada<sup>1</sup> recommend the beneficial use of masks when members of the public engage in close and indoor interaction.

The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association no longer offers recommendations as to whether clients should be permitted to enter the clinic. Each clinic is in the best position to assess the risk to staff, physical environment, and resources to best prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association supports veterinary clinics as they strive to provide veterinary care in a safe manner.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html#p> (accessed April 19, 2022)