Coronavirus (COVID-19) is currently sweeping the globe with many people currently sick with the disease. The virus is quickly spreading within areas and moving to new locations. The World Health Organization has recently classified the situation as a pandemic. To-date, COVID-19 appears to be transmitted predominately person-to-person, however there are many questions about what those working in companion animal care and similar settings (e.g., veterinary practices, doggie day cares, shelters, boarding facilities) should do to prevent illness in staff and address related animal/patient concerns.

This talk will provide a brief summary of the current COVID-19 status in people and animals, along with specific suggestions for protecting the health of people and animals in veterinary and animal care group settings.