

working safely.

It replaces previous BVA guidance on essential veterinary services and recognises that veterinary practices will need to make the transition at their own pace and according to national and devolved legislation and local guidance. It will remain in place for as long as necessary in line with government advice.

This BVA guidance is supplementary to the [RCVS guidance and flowchart](#), published on 9 April and updated on 19 May.

Government plans for easing lockdown restrictions across the UK

During May, all four governments of the UK announced plans for easing lockdown restrictions (o)-cts@.000008



protect against inadvertent transmission of the disease to others if you are asymptomatic. A cloth face covering is not the same as surgical facemasks used as PPE and supplies of surgical masks must continue to be reserved for those who need it.

Face coverings in veterinary practice:



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Stagger arrival, departure, and break times.

Reduce congestion, for example, by having more and separate entry and exit points to the workplace.

Work in consistent pairs or small teams, if possible, for those who need to work in close proximity, for example, work that involves lifting or restraining animals and surgical procedures.



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shield):

Make arrangements to avoid any face-to-face contact.

Be particularly strict about handwashing and other hygiene measures.

If you are requested to assist with an animal



