



## Guidance for UK veterinary practices on working safely during Covid-19

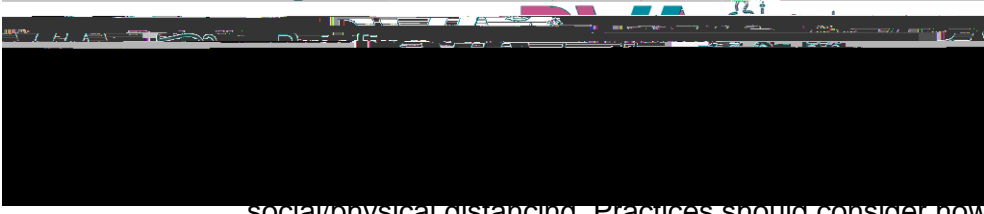
This BVA guidance is intended to support veterinary practices to continue to work safely in line with ongoing restrictions and government guidance.

It recognises that each individual veterinary practice will need to have measures in place that meet their own business and staff needs and that practices will need to work in line with national and devolved legislation and local guidance. It will be updated as the governments update their guidance on safe working.

This BVA guidance is supplementary to the [RCVS guidance](#), which is regularly reviewed and updated in line with legislative changes.

### Government restrictions across the UK

In December 2021 governments across the UK have been considering and re-introducing measures and restrictions in light of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. There is no specific government guidance for veterinary practices and practices have been able to stay open throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.



... longer in order to practise social/physical distancing. Practices should consider how to charge appropriately for their professional time, including for remote consultations, and how best to communicate this to clients.

- 3. Supporting colleagues and encouraging rest/breaks:** Practice teams have been working incredibly hard and in different ways for a long time. Many individuals have worked extra hours; others have juggled work with caring responsibilities; and many have been impacted by the need for team members to isolate during periods of high incidence of infection. Employers should be aware of the importance of supporting all mental health and wellbeing. Advice and guidance are available via [Vetlife](#), [Vet Support NI](#), and [Vet Support Scotland](#). The government has also provided [Guidance for the public on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of coronavirus](#)

