



BUTLER CREEK
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

June 30, 2020: COVID-19 Update

What we're doing to protect you and
our staff from COVID-19

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES TO OUR PROTOCOL
CAREFULLY.**

Once again, COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Georgia. In light of this news and based on the recommendations by the CDC and WHO, **we have decided to now require everyone who enters our building to wear a mask** once we start seeing appointments inside again on July 6th, 2020 (see update from June 24th, 2020). The mask must be worn **properly** and for the **entirety** of your visit with us.

We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. A cloth face covering may not protect the wearer, but it may keep the wearer from spreading the virus to others. If you do not want to wear a mask, we can still accommodate you and your pet by still offering drop off appointments, curbside service, and telemedicine.

To reiterate, wearing masks are **NOT** optional beginning July 6th, 2020 if you are entering the building for an appointment with our veterinarians.

Who should NOT use cloth face coverings: children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>