

Canine Influenza

Michigan officials are recommending dog owners monitor their pets' health after cases of canine influenza have been reported across the state.

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, there have been confirmed cases in Huron, Kent, Macomb, Oakland, Ottawa and Wayne counties.

Canine influenza, or dog flu, is a highly contagious respiratory infection in dogs caused by an influenza virus. Signs of canine influenza can include fever, lethargy, coughing and nasal and/or eye discharge. Most cases of canine influenza are mild, and affected dogs usually recover within two or three weeks. Serious cases can occur, however, so people should check with their veterinarians if they think their dog has influenza.

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If your dog is ill, keep it home and/or be sure to prevent it from coming into contact with other dogs; and talk with your veterinarian about getting your dog vaccinated for influenza. Facilities where dogs are brought together for care, grooming, or other activities are advised to prevent the spread of influenza by keeping sick dogs away, cleaning and disinfecting thoroughly, and recommending that dogs are vaccinated before arrival.

If your dog is showing signs of canine influenza, contact your veterinarian. Canine influenza is reportable to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Confirmed cases should be reported to MDARD at 800-292-3939.

For more information and the current case count, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/animalprograms>