



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Parvovirus Exposure

You are receiving this handout because we recently treated some puppies on campus suspected of having parvovirus. All puppies are currently healthy and have completed an on-campus monitoring period. To best protect the health of all our program dogs, we recommend the following precautions as these puppies transition to their new puppy raising homes.

General recommendations for puppies not fully vaccinated who may have been exposed to parvovirus:

- The puppy cannot return to campus, both to protect the campus population and to not stress the puppy's immune system.
- The puppy should be in a home with only adult, healthy, fully vaccinated dogs for 2 weeks (incubation time for parvo is typically 4-14 days).
 - Recommend keeping puppy on washable surfaces and relieving on hard, dry surfaces (preferable exposed to sunlight). Use diluted bleach (1:30 dilution) for cleaning areas where the puppy defecates. Use bedding and toys that can be washed in dilute bleach for disinfection.
 - Do not take the puppy anywhere there are puppies, or areas that public dogs/puppies frequent for 2 weeks.
 - For transporting puppy, keep the puppy in a washable crate. If the cars used to transport are also frequently used for puppies, recommend putting down plastic bag lining under the crate. Disinfect the crate and wash all bedding used with dilute bleach.
 - If transporting to a new home, recommend bathing the puppy on arrival to the new home (regular dog shampoo okay).
 - Monitor for any vomiting or diarrhea and bring to a veterinarian if these symptoms seen.
- If the puppy does become sick, then the exposed home should not foster unvaccinated puppies for 1 month after the puppy has left and the home and relieving areas have been disinfected. If the puppy does not become ill in the 2-week monitoring period, then no further restrictions are needed for puppy sitting in the homes.
- If the exposed puppy becomes sick and diagnosed with parvovirus, then the quarantine will extend for 1 month AFTER the resolution of their illness.