

Canine Influenza Is Near.

Fortunately, so is a new vaccine.

Canine Influenza H3N8 Vaccine.

Our clinic is recommending vaccination to protect your dog against this emerging disease.



- Canine Influenza was originally discovered in Florida in 2003. It has since spread to 30 states, including all the states surrounding Missouri.
- The virus is highly contagious and is transmitted by direct contact and inhalation of airborne virus. Dogs in Missouri have no natural immunity to the new virus. Exposure in other states has resulted in illness in greater than 80% of exposed dogs.
- Symptoms like coughing do not occur until several days AFTER virus shedding starts. This means dogs who have NO SYMPTOMS can infect other dogs, making the virus extremely difficult to detect or prevent, especially in boarding and grooming facilities, dog parks, and other multi-dog areas.
- The symptoms of CIV mimic less serious respiratory infections like Bordetella, but CIV infected dogs are more likely to develop serious complications like pneumonia.
- Canine Influenza Vaccination reduces viral shedding and reduces the chance that a dog will become ill if exposed. If a dog who has been vaccinated does become ill, the severity of the disease is significantly diminished, with a much reduced chance of developing pneumonia.
- Safety studies have confirmed the vaccine is well tolerated and there have been no adverse reactions reported in any vaccinated dogs.
- Dogs who visit places where multiple dogs are present should be vaccinated:
 - Veterinary clinics, boarding facilities, doggie daycare, and groomers
 - Dog parks, neighborhood dogs, and friend's/family's dogs
 - Shelters, adoption groups, breeding facilities, and dog shows
- The initial dose of CIV vaccine must be followed by a booster in 2-4 weeks. Full immunity does not occur until approximately 2 weeks following the booster. For this reason, dogs should receive the initial vaccine 1 month prior and the booster 2 weeks prior to boarding, attending a dog show, etc.

