

Updates to USCB Service Animal Policy and Procedures

Due to COVID-19 developments, the University of South Carolina Beaufort reserves the right to change these policies and procedures without notice. Students are expected to maintain appropriate social distancing for their service animals and emotional support animals, including asking others not to pet or hold the dog, as current evidence suggests that dogs can become positive for COVID-19 or carry droplets in their fur from one person to another. The risk to animals appears to be very low, but we encourage service animal and emotional support animal owners to protect themselves, their animals, and their peers.

Current advice from the CDC and American Veterinary Medical Association suggests that individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 limit contact with their own animals and whenever possible, have others provide their care.

It is recommended that all service animal owners identify someone off campus that will take care of their dog in the case of the student being quarantined/isolated. However, if you do not, you may leave the apartment only to walk your service dog or emotional support animal and must maintain social distancing, wear a face mask, and remain out only for the amount of time required to walk the animal. USCB employees cannot provide care for your animal.

If you choose to quarantine/isolate at home, your service dog or emotional support animal must leave too.

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