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The Human Society of Southeast Missouri will be taking actions to safeguard our guests and meet the needs of our community. As this situation is evolving and changing, we will be making changes in our normal procedures to adjust to what is currently happening in our community. We are a part of Cape County's emergency management plan and coordinate with Cape Girardeau County Health Department.

At this time The Humane Society of Southeast Missouri will be changing a few things to better assist the community.

- We will be open by appointment only. What that means is if you want to adopt you will call and schedule an appointment and we will be ready to help assist you in finding a furry friend. This will allow us to better serve you and provide one on one help from an adoption counselor.
- If you need to surrender a pet this will be done by appointment only. We are at capacity, so we ask that only people with emergency needs call to schedule surrender. As a community we will need your support to temporarily house and foster strays. We want to ensure we can help residents as needed and will talk to each person on a case by case basis.
- The shelter is short staffed and will be doing extra cleaning to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please be patient and do **not** come to the shelter if you are sick. Disinfecting and cleaning are a part of our everyday protocols, but we have implemented more cleaning procedures on public surfaces to protect our guests.