Franklin Park Zoo ZooCamp
Health Care Policy

Plan for the Care of Mildly Ill Campers

1. Staff are responsible for reporting any signs of illness to the Health Supervisor, who assesses each situation, and will refer to Standing Orders as needed.
2. The Health Supervisor will attempt to contact the parent/guardian to discuss the situation.
3. Over-the-counter medications authorized by the parent/guardian may be administered if he/she believes warranted.
4. If the Health Supervisor determines the child should be transported home or be seen by a physician (non-emergency), the parent/guardian should be contacted as soon as possible.
5. Any camper exhibiting signs of a communicable illness or food-borne illness will immediately be brought to the Camp Shed for isolation, and parents will be notified for immediate pick-up.

Plan for the Care of Campers Experiencing Respiratory Viruses

Reparatory viruses, including but not limited to COVID-19, the flu, and RSV, can be highly contagious. To minimize the spread of these diseases while at ZooCamp, we will follow the CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of respiratory viruses. If a camper is showing signs of a respiratory virus including fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache, they will be provided with a mask, asked to isolate. A parent/guardian/emergency contact will be contacted for pickup as soon as possible.

Per the CDC, a camper may return to camp if over the span of at least 24 hours the camper's symptoms are getting better overall, ***and*** if the camper has not had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. After seeing improved symptoms and being fever free for at least 24 hours, the camper is asked to take extra precautions when resuming normal activities for the next five days. These precautions may include masking, practicing good hygiene, physical distancing, and testing if/when necessary.

Plan for Administering Medication (prescription and nonprescription).

A signed permission form from the parent/guardian must be on file before any medication is administered and all medication will be administered by the Health Supervisor who has received training by the Health Care Consultant. Exceptions to this rule are camper use of EpiPens and asthma inhalers. The Health Care Consultant shall acknowledge in writing a list of all medications administered at the camp.

All prescription meds must come in original containers, be clearly marked with the original pharmacy label, and be stored by the Health Supervisor in a locked container used exclusively for medication storage. This container will be located in the Camp Shed. Exceptions to storage in the locked container include medicines for bee stings and allergies (EpiPen), and asthma (inhalers). These particular medications should be put in a plastic bag with the child's name on it and may be carried by the campers

to self-administer when necessary.

Over the counter medicines provided by parents will be stored in the same manner as prescription medications. Over the counter meds must also be in original containers containing the original label, which shall include directions for use. The Health Supervisor will document all medications given in the medical log. This documentation will be maintained for a minimum of 3 years.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a serious injury or emergency we will follow Zoo New England (ZNE) incident procedure. First aid will be provided, parents will be contacted, and an ambulance will be called if needed. ZNE works closely with local emergency services, and they have been able to reach the zoo in a few minutes during drills as well as real emergencies. The incident will be recorded on the 'Massachusetts Department of Public Health Community Sanitation Program Recreational Camp Injury Report Form,' and sent into the DPH within seven days of when the injury occurred.

1. In the event of an emergency or accident, the Zoo New England incident procedure is enacted.
2. The nearest staff person renders immediate aid to victim while using radio, voice, or other available staff person or camper to notify the Health Care Supervisor. Any staff person is free to call 911 if in his/her opinion the situation calls for immediate professional assistance.
3. The responding Health Care Supervisor assumes control of the situation, continues to render aid, and sends someone to call 911 (if this has not already been done) if in his/her opinion the circumstances warrant.
4. Parents are notified according to the phone numbers listed on the roster or camper's application form.
5. The camper is transported by EMS to a local hospital.
6. If the parents or other identified guardians/relatives cannot be contacted, the Health Care Supervisor responding to the incident will go to the hospital with the child.
7. The Health Care Supervisor will provide the hospital with the signed parental permission form to allow emergency medical aid.

A complete copy of the policy shall be furnished to parents/guardians upon request.