COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for ZooCamp

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Face Masks/Coverings:
1. Mask wearing by staff and campers while in indoor spaces is encouraged, but optional. If you would like for your camper to wear a face covering while indoors, please let ZooCamp staff know ahead of time so we can monitor your campers’ mask wearing.
2. Campers may bring face coverings from home, if their parent/guardian would like them to wear a mask during the camp day. Staff will have face covering or masks available for camper use if needed.
3. If a camper exhibits symptoms of illness during camp hours, they will be required to wear a face covering or mask at all times until picked up by parent/guardian.

Hygiene Protocols:
1. All staff and campers will be encouraged to frequently wash their hands at one of our bathroom locations at the zoo.
2. Hand sanitizing stations (sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol) will be set up around the zoo and camp areas to be used until we can visit a handwashing station. ZooCamp must have written authorization for campers to use hand sanitizer.
3. Campers and staff will be required to wash their hands before and after snack and lunch. Staff will educate campers and reiterate to them frequently the importance of hand hygiene and will model this for campers.
4. After the camp day, sanitization of all highly touched areas will be conducted. The director and staff will engage in this sanitization process.

COVID-19 Vaccination
1. Vaccination against COVID-19 is not required to attend ZooCamp. There will be space, though, during registration to upload your child’s COVID-19 vaccination information.
2. Whether or not you choose to upload your child’s vaccinations records may impact their quarantine protocols, should they be exposed to COVID-19.
   a. If your child is vaccinated against COVID-19 and is exposed to an individual who has tested positive, they may continue to attend ZooCamp, but must wear a mask for five days following the exposure to the positive individual.
   b. If your child is not vaccinated against COVID-19, or if you chose to not upload your child’s COVID-19 vaccination information, and they are exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will not be permitted to attend ZooCamp if it has been within 5 days of exposure. If it is between days 5-10 of exposure, they may attend camp, but must wear a mask.

Daily Health Screening:
1. We strongly encourage parents and guardians to do a health screening of their child each night before camp. The screening is for any symptom of COVID-19 during the previous 24hrs including fever or
chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body ache, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, abdominal pain, fatigue, unexplained rash, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

2. Staff will make visual inspection of campers for signs of illness including the following: flushed cheeks, rapid breathing, difficulty breathing (without physical activity), fatigue or extreme fussiness. If any of these symptoms are identified, that camper will not be permitted into camp. If deemed emergent, 911 must be contacted immediately.

3. Staff will actively monitor children throughout the day for symptoms of any kind.

Campers exhibiting symptoms at Camp:

1. If a camper (or staff member) begins to exhibit any of the symptoms of COVID-19 listed above, they will immediately be required to don a face covering or mask, and will be brought to the ADC for isolation.

2. Staff will contact parent/guardian/emergency contact to pick up camper as soon as possible.

Sign in/out Protocols:

1. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to use the same vehicle and same member of the household for drop-off/pick-up. Drop-off will be scheduled during a 15 minute time block (8:45-9:00am). During this time, parents/guardians will wait at socially-distanced markers outside of the camp area until camp staff are ready to check them in.

2. ZooCamp Staff will conduct sign-in/sign-out on a single clipboard that only staff will handle.

3. Pick-Up will be scheduled from 3:00p-3:15p. Parents/guardians will wait in their cars or at the socially-distanced markers outside of the camp area. Staff will check photo ID before releasing camper and signing them out.

Staffing and Operations:

1. As a part of our pre-camp training, all Camp Counselors and summer staff for the Education Department will be trained on social distancing, hygiene, and disinfecting policies.

2. If a staff member exhibits any sign of a respiratory illness, they will not be permitted to work until symptom free for at least 24 hrs and after consultation with their medical provider.

3. If ill, staff must seek advice from their medical provider about possible evaluation and/or COVID-19 testing.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

Cleaning will take place in the morning and afternoons of each camp day 7:30-7:45am and 4:15-4:30pm (Monday-Friday). The director and camp staff will be assigned to a different area each week. When in camp areas, items to be disinfected include:

- Chairs and tables. These objects will be disinfected with a food-safe disinfectant like baby wipes or Lysol wipes.
- Any items that were used in a game or activity (examples include biofacts, toys, or other materials).
- All clipboards and pens used.
- Arts and Craft bins – each table will be given their own bin with their own arts and craft materials that will be used throughout the week (items include scissors, markers, crayons, glue sticks, and pencils) These will be disinfected each Friday so they are ready for the following week.

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• Doorknobs and door handles.
• Light switches.
• And all other commonly touched surfaces.

All cleaning products will be stored out of the reach of campers, but within reach of counselors to use in all of the camp areas including:
• The ADC (they will be stored in the locked storage closet)
• The Maple Glenn Tent (they will be stored in the camp shed)

If child or staff contracts COVID-19 or has an exposure:

1. Campers who are COVID-19 positive or symptomatic and presumed to have COVID-19 may not attend ZooCamp until they have been symptom free for 24 hours and at least five days have passed since getting a positive COVID test. Any camper returning to camp after having had either symptoms or a positive COVID test will be required to wear a mask for at least ten days after their positive test. If a ZooCamper tests positive during the Camp week, they will not be permitted to attend for the remainder of the week.

2. In the event that ZooCamp experiences an exposure, ZooCamp will notify the following parties. (1) Staff and families while maintaining confidentiality of the ill individual(s) and (2) the Health Care Consultant.

3. If a child is vaccinated against COVID-19 and is exposed to an individual who has tested positive, they may continue to attend ZooCamp, but must wear a mask for five days following the exposure to the positive individual.

4. If a child is not vaccinated against COVID-19, or if you chose to not upload your child’s COVID-19 vaccination information, and they are exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will not be permitted to attend ZooCamp if it has been within 5 days of exposure. If it is between days 5-10 of exposure, they may attend camp, but must wear a mask.