

Health and Safety Guidelines for Zoo Camp 2021

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A healthy camp season for your camper begins at home. This includes making sure your camper is eating healthy meals, getting plenty of sleep, and staying hydrated. Be sure your camper is healthy when they come to camp. If your child is showing any signs of illness, do not send them to camp. If they present symptoms of illness at camp, they will be sent home immediately.

Here are the steps we are taking to keep campers safe:

Precautions

- Camp families will be sent a survey to complete a few days prior to attending camp to confirm that they have not been experiencing any Covid-19 related symptoms and to confirm that they have not come into contact with any individual who has been experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.
- Campers will have their temperature checked upon arrival using a no-contact thermometer.

Mask Policy

- Campers will be required to wear a mask both indoors and outdoors whenever social distancing is unattainable.
- Campers will be given opportunities to safely take socially distant mask breaks that will be paired with water breaks.

Handwashing

- Staff will ensure that each camper washes their hands with soap and water for the minimum of 20 seconds as recommended by the CDC.
- Posters with proper hand washing instructions will be posted near every sink. Handwashing will occur frequently, and campers will be prompted by counselors to wash their hands every time they enter a classroom space and before and after eating snacks and lunch.
- Hand sanitizer will be used in between handwashing sessions in accordance with CDC recommendations.

Cleaning

- All commonly touched surfaces (i.e. door handles, faucets, tables, etc.) will be frequently wiped down with appropriate disinfectant.
- Any shared spaces will be cleaned after the camp day ends.
- Proper room ventilation will be supplied by an air conditioning unit and open windows to allow air circulation.

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Social Distancing

- Camp groups will be separated into smaller groups or 'pods' of 10 - 12 campers each.
- Each camp group will have their own designated staff member and volunteer.
- While doing group activities, campers will be encouraged to stay 6 feet apart to maintain proper social distancing.
- All activities have been modified to promote the most amount of social distancing and the least items or objects shared.

Camp Staff

- All staff and volunteers will be required to wear masks.
- Both staff and volunteers will have their temperature checked upon entry into the zoo every single day.
- Staff and volunteers must be symptom free prior to interacting with campers.

Campers will be immediately isolated from other campers and sent home if they present with a 100.4F fever.

Elmwood Park Zoo reserves the right to send home any camper who they deem to pose a health concern to other campers.