As always, the health and safety of our Zoo Camp families, staff and animals remains San Antonio Zoo’s highest priority. The plan described below is based on the best practices from guidelines and recommendations promoted by Governor Abbott, the City of San Antonio and many other professional camp and childcare resources.

This plan outlines the core actions related to COVID-19 that San Antonio Zoo Camp, promoting healthy habits and a safe camp environment. In addition to the measures described in this plan, we will carefully monitor updates from local, state and federal entities and update Health & Safety Plan, as needed.

These actions include, but are not limited to:

- **Camper and staff screening.**
  - Parent/Guardians and camp staff will be asked to self-monitor and keep children home from camp if Covid-19 symptoms are observed (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or temperature of 100.⁰°F or more, close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19).

- **Modified drop-off and pick-up protocol.**
  - Please remain in your vehicle during drop-off and pick-up, expediting the process and promoting social distancing among camp families.

- **Consistent camp group cohorts, staff and spaces.**
  - Each camp group will become a “cohort.” Social distancing is not required within cohort group.
  - Each camp cohort will have a designated space.
  - Each camper and staff will have a designated storage area for lunches, backpacks, etc.
  - Following Governor Abbot’s recommendation, parents and other visitors will be asked not to enter the Education Center and other camp spaces.

- **Facemasks.**
  - Facemasks are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals.
  - Face masks are recommended for all when indoors or anytime it is not feasible to practice social distancing.

- **Time outdoors**
  - Campers will spend the majority of the time outdoors exploring nature and promoting physical and mental health.

- **Increased handwashing and hand sanitation.**
  - Campers and staff will continue to practice healthy hygiene habits throughout the day.
  - Hand sanitizer will be readily available throughout the day.

- **Intensified cleaning and disinfecting procedures.**
  - Frequently accessed areas, such as doorknobs, railings, tables and restrooms, will be cleaned and disinfected/sanitized throughout the day by trained staff using products from the CDC COVID-19 approved chemical list.
  - Camp spaces will be “deep cleaned” prior to the start of each camp week.

- **Enhanced staff training.**
  - In addition to regular training related to safety, all camp staff will undergo training specifically addressing COVID-19 safety and prevention.

- **Reliable communication.**
  - Parent/Guardians will be notified if we become aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within their child’s camp cohort.
Zoo Camp will update camp families as protocols are adjusted to match evolving guidelines and standards.

As part of the standard health recommendations provided by Governor Abbot, San Antonio Zoo acknowledges that COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and even death. Before making the decision to send your child to Zoo Camp, we encourage you to follow this link and review the Checklist for Day Youth Camp Operators & Families prepared by the Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas. [https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas_Checklist_Day_and_Overnigh...pdf](https://open.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas_Checklist_Day_and_Overnigh...pdf)

If you have questions, please contact us at education@sazoo.org. Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented times.