

Lehigh Valley Zoo COVID-19 Camp Safety Protocols

The following policies have been put into place to make our Summer Camps compliant with CDC, State, and AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums - our accrediting body) guidelines. The below guidelines will be mandatory of all zoo staff, interns, and volunteers. The below guidelines will be enforced, where possible per individual, for all of our guests and campers.

General Guidelines to be Enforced throughout the Camp Day:

1. Stay Home when not you're not healthy

- a. Staff and campers should stay home if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are showing any of the symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has had symptoms of COVID-19.
- b. If a staff member or camper comes to camp with any symptoms listed by the CDC as COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated from the group and sent home immediately.
- c. To encourage parents and campers to stay home when they're sick, experiencing symptoms, or exposed to someone showing symptoms, we are offering refunds for any missed days of camp for COVID-19 related reasons.

2. Social Distancing will be enforced whenever possible

- a. Activities, games, crafts, and curriculum have been adapted to encourage social distancing whenever possible.

3. General Hygiene and Regular hand washing

- a. There will be regular hand washing throughout the day as well as designated times they are required to wash their hands (ex. before lunch or after a group activity)
- b. Campers will be asked to refrain from touching their faces and will be taught skills to assist in minimizing this.
- c. To make these "rules" more fun, camp counselors have designed games to teach proper techniques like appropriate and effective hand washing.
- d. When a camper or staff sneeze or cough, safe practices will be encouraged and hand washing will be required afterwards.

4. Sanitizer used when hand washing is not as easily available

- a. There will be times your camper will be out on the preserve and will not have access to hand washing stations. Camp counselors will have sanitizer with them at all times and will regularly be offering it to the campers.

- 6. Whenever possible, outside activities will be prioritized and indoor spaces will be avoided**
 - a. Activities, games, crafts, and curriculum have been adapted to encourage as much outside time as possible
 - b. Camp will go on rain or shine and campers should expect to stay outside, rain or shine, unless it is dangerous for any reason (ie thunderstorms)
 - c. When needed, indoor spaces will be utilized

Camper Drop Off and Pick Up Policies:

- 1. Adults dropping off or picking up their kids should not leave their car.**
 - a. We will be providing a tag on your first day that will have your campers name on it. This tag should be used to identify yourself as the person picking up the child along with the pick up word when applicable. The tag should be placed in the front windshield.
 - b. An employee will retrieve your child from your vehicle or deliver the child to your vehicle directly.
- 2. During drop off and pick up, each camp group will be kept separate to avoid mixing.**
- 3. Staff will be doing their best to maintain appropriate social distancing from other adults during these times.**
- 4. Please plan for a lengthier drop off and pick up experience than normal.**

Additional Efforts the Lehigh Valley Zoo is taking to protect their Summer Camp Guests:

- Camp Groups have been modified and we are limiting the mixing of groups as best as possible.
 - The same two counselors will be assigned to the same group of children for the whole week to minimize exposure. Camp counselors are also required to be vaccinated for Covid 19
 - The campers will stay in the same group throughout the week (cohort)
 - Group mixing will be avoided whenever possible
- Pre-packaged, individual snacks will be provided by the counselors during the day. There will be no sharing of food items.
 - Campers will be expected to bring their own lunch each day and will not be permitted to share items, including siblings in other groups.

Reporting a Sick Camper:

- If your camper is not healthy enough to attend camp at the standards of the CDC, please email edureservations@lvzoo.org or call 610-799-4171 ext. 227.
- If another camper tests positive for COVID-19 during one of the weeks your child is attending camp, you will be contacted with general information. Any personal information will be kept private.

Note for Campers at Higher Risk for Illness or who are Immunocompromised:

- We value the privacy of our campers. If your camper needs special circumstances or requirements due to a higher risk for illness or they are immunocompromised, please reach out to Education (edureservations@lvzoo.org) **BEFORE** registering for camp to discuss possible modifications or options.
- ❖ ***Camp will be disbanded if a child tests positive for COVID-19. Camp could be suspended or disbanded if a camper exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or is exposed directly to someone who is.***

Certification

I understand the above guidelines that have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of all staff and guests of the Lehigh Valley Zoo. I intend to abide by all of these guidelines. I understand that failure to do so will lead to removal from my child in camp.

