



2021 Safari Camp Safety Protocols and Procedures

Thank you for choosing Zoo Atlanta for camp this year. Whether you have attended Safari Camp before or not, it is imperative that you review all this material. The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our highest priority, especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic. As such, there are numerous changes to our procedures and policies. Attached you will find a summary of actions and new procedures we have implemented to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible.

Please take a few minutes to review the following with your child. If your answer to any of the following questions is “No” or “I don’t know”, please call us to discuss your child’s registration.

- My child has the ability to wear a mask for the duration of the program.
- My child has the ability to maintain a safe distance from other campers and zoo team members.
- My child can perform all personal needs by themselves, such as: use the restroom, wash hands, tie their shoes, open their own snack, etc.
- We give permission to Zoo Atlanta to complete a daily health screening on my child, which will include a series of questions and a temperature check.
- We understand that if our child fails the health screening or becomes ill at any time during the day, we will make arrangements to pick them up within 30 minutes of being contacted.

Please review the safety procedures and protocols and consider whether your child will thrive at Safari Camp under our new safety protocols. In accordance with COVID-19 safety guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Georgia Department of Public Health, Zoo Atlanta’s Safari Camp program is implementing the following protocols.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection practices within our facilities and premises by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces throughout the day, cleaning and disinfecting objects if they are shared and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
- Campers will be pre-assigned to groups of no more than 10 campers and one camp educator. Campers will be separated into their designated group once they enter the Zoo and will only interact with other campers in their group for the remainder of the day.
- Camp educators will be equipped with hand sanitizer and extra masks for their group. They will also encourage campers to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
- Each group will be assigned their own set of daily activity materials, which will not be shared with other groups. Camp educators will sanitize and disinfect surfaces and materials used during the program throughout the day. Camper’s belongings will be kept separated from others.
- **Campers are required to bring their own snacks and lunch** and we encourage campers to bring packages and containers that they can open with little to no assistance. Campers should provide their own water bottles. The zoo will not provide snacks.
- Campers **are not allowed** to bring personal toys, trading cards, or technology with them, as we cannot guarantee these will only be used by your child or that they will be properly sanitized.



- Staff and campers are required to wear a face mask at all times, with the exception of lunch, snack, and water breaks where we will space campers out at least 6 feet to eat and drink.
- All camp educators are required to learn the COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC. Zoo Atlanta also requires all team members to complete a COVID-19 and Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) related training outlining Zoo Atlanta's health and safety policies and protocols. All team members have received training in proper sanitization processes.
- All Education team members will self-screen daily prior to coming to work, including a temperature check.

ILLNESS

Before you come to Safari Camp: We ask that you help us protect the health of all campers and staff. Anyone who is sick or was sick with COVID-19 or recently in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days—including staff, campers, and families— should not come to camp. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

While your child is at Safari Camp: If a child does become ill while at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately and asked to pick up their child(ren) **within 30 minutes**. Children who are absent because of a contagious disease, may not return without a signed doctor's statement.

If a child has any one of the following conditions, your child will not be allowed to stay at Safari Camp and must provide a signed doctors statement to return:

- Contagious disease
 - Fever of **100.00 F** or higher
 - Respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
 - Chills / Repeated Shaking with Chills
 - Muscle Pain
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - Excessive coughing
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Runny nose with colored discharge
 - Accident requiring medical attention
 - Child who is lethargic and acting out of character
- If a camper or Zoo team member test positive for COVID-19, the Zoo will perform contact tracing immediately and notify the parents/guardians of all exposed children by email.
 - Any individual (camper or educator) that tests positive will not be permitted to return to camp that week and will be required to have a signed doctor's statement that the individual is Covid-19 free prior to coming to the following week (if applicable).

CAMP BEHAVIOR

- At Zoo Atlanta, we believe it is important to give children the space to grow, discover, and lean into their independence. To better nurture campers, our behavior philosophy is proactive and relies heavily on redirection and reminding campers to make good choices. However, if disruptive behavioral problems persist, Zoo Atlanta reserves the right to implement any of the following consequences:



- Safari Camp Educator will discuss the behavior with the camper.
- The camper will be given a “time out” or will not be allowed to participate in a subsequent activity.
- A Safari Camp Educator **AND** Lead Educator or the Community and Camp Programs Supervisor will discuss the behavior with the parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians will be notified by the Community and Camp Programs Supervisor or Manager of School and Family Programs and the child will be sent home immediately or advised that he/she will not be allowed to return.

CHECK IN & CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

- Parents/guardians must wear a mask during check-in and check-out when speaking to a camp educator. Parents/guardians are to remain in the car when dropping off and picking up campers while camp educators complete the check-in and check-out process. Campers should be prepared to get in and out of the car by themselves. If your child needs assistance unloading and loading, we ask that you help your child.
- Temperature checks will be conducted each day for campers and camp educators using a contact-less thermometer.
- Upon arrival, parents will be asked to submit to a health screening. Below are the questions parents will be required to answer:
 - Have you or any of the children you are dropping off:
 - *Had a fever of 100.0 F or greater in the last 72 hours?*
 - *Had any of the following conditions in the last 24 hours?*
 - *Fatigue*
 - *Cough / sore throat*
 - *Sneezing / runny nose*
 - *Aches and pains*
 - *Diarrhea*
 - *Headaches*
 - *Shortness of breath*
 - *Loss of taste and smell*
 - *Been in close contact with anyone exhibiting these symptoms?*
 - *Recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?*
- Once the child has been screened (which includes parent responses to the questions above) and cleared at the check-in station, the child will then be received by a team member and taken to their group.

If you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact the Education Department for more information. You can also find more information about COVID-19 at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or on CDC’s website for youth and summer camps (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>).

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