



FAQ for In-Person Summer Camp 2021

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting Brevard Zoo, you are voluntarily assuming all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

What will the camp program experience entail?

Classes will have no more than 10 participants in kindergarten camps and no more than 16 participants in 1st to 6th grade camps, two adult leaders and two teen volunteers. Students will be seated at least 6ft. apart when in the classroom when eating. We have planned to use outdoor areas as much as possible, so please plan to be outdoors.

Will participants and/or staff be required to wear masks?

Staff are required to wear a mask. Children participating in the class are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth for the safety of our animals, staff and other participants. Mesh and crochet masks are not permitted. Hand sanitizer and hand washing locations are available throughout the Zoo and in the classroom. During Water Play at the Paws On Lagoon, campers may take masks off while in the water (via Zoo's policy), it will be up to the parent to notify the camp counselors if they want their camper to keep their mask on and/or stay out of the water.

How often is the facility being cleaned/disinfected?

Constant cleaning of high-volume areas including door handles, sink handles, bathrooms and equipment is conducted throughout each day. Tables and chairs will be sanitized at the start and end of each class. Any Zoo materials used in class (ex: magnifying glasses) will not be shared and will be sanitized as well.

Will there be any activities that involve close contact between the children?

There will be no close-contact games played. All social distancing "group" games will be played outdoors. This includes relay races, obstacle courses, nature scavenger hunts, etc. Activities that are held inside will meet social distancing recommendations and requirements.

What should my child bring to class?

Students will keep their belongings at their assigned seat or in a cubbie. There will be no sharing of personal items brought to class. Students must pack a refillable water bottle, lunch every day for full day camps, snacks every day, extra masks, self-applied sunscreen and insect repellent.

How will you prevent sick children or staff members from entering class?

Daily screening/temperature checks will be conducted with a touchless thermometer upon arrival for all class participants. A parent or guardian must answer a series of screening questions upon arrival for each participant (see below). Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or failing to pass the screening questions will be sent home and will be provided with a refund or credit for a future class. If the child or anyone in their immediate family have experienced symptoms prior to the class, please call our office to receive a refund or credit for a future class.

- **Screening Questions**

- Are you experiencing any of these COVID-19 symptoms?
 - Fever
 - Shortness of breath
 - Dry cough
 - Runny nose
 - Sore throat
- Have you been in contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?
- Have you lost your sense of smell or taste any time in the last 14 days?

What are the procedures for drop-off and pick-up?

Drop-off for 1st-6th grade takes place at the Kid Zone gate at the North end of the first parking lot. Drop-off for Kindergarten takes place at the Education gate located to the right of the main entrance. Zoo staff will meet Kindergarteners on the outside of the Education gate.

During drop-off on the **first day**, we ask that you park and come to the table to meet counselors and to sign your child in. There will be signs with the entering grades at each table for families to line up, with 6 ft spacing. Please check in at each camp entering grade your camper/s are registered in to pick up car tags and parent letters. **Health screening and temperature checks will be performed at the check in tables.**

For the rest of the week, you may drive up to drop your child off after zoo staff does a temperature check at your car.

For all camps at pick-up, we ask that you remain in your car and follow the directions of the camp counselors. We will walk your child(ren) to the car and get them in. You will need your sign provided by the camp or have a picture ID ready. If the pick-up person is not on the form, then we will have to call the parents. For the safety of your child, we will be signing all campers in and out daily. This is a task that we take very seriously, and your patience is appreciated. If it rains during the day, we will still have camp, and drop-off and pick-up will be in the same places, so please come prepared with rain gear and patience as it may take a little longer to get campers to their vehicles. If you are running late for pick-up, please call Zoo Administration at 321.254.9453 extension 489.

What is the refund policy if class closes for any issues related to COVID-19 or if the class does not meet the minimum participant requirement?

If class must be cancelled for any reason, there will be a credit for a future class or a full refund for all participants.

How will parents be notified of a possible COVID-19 case?

All parents will be called immediately if we become aware that participants have been in contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19.

What is guiding your health and safety plan?

Policies are in compliance with CDC recommendations.