Dear Families,

Your Akron Zoo is taking proactive measures to ensure the well-being of both people and animals while monitoring the situation surrounding COVID-19. The health and safety of our guests, staff, volunteers, animals and the community are our highest priority. We recognize that with the closure of our on-ground camps during the summer of 2020, difficult time was created for many of the children in our community. It is because of this; we have decided to bring children back to the zoo for a great summer 2021 experience.

We have taken several precautions this year, following the recommendations from our local health department as well as recommendations from the CDC. As best practices evolve and vaccine availability increases, you may see changes to our camp policy. We will work to keep you informed as changes occur.

COVID 19 Precautions:

- Campers should not come to camp if they are not feeling well. If your Camper has been exposed to a known positive case of COVID-19, they must follow the CDC guidelines for quarantine before returning to camp.
- Camp spaces will be sanitized between camp sessions.
- Camper belongings will be kept separately from other campers to ensure safety.
- Food will not be provided by the zoo. If Campers want to bring their own snacks, please feel free to pack any non-peanut items that your Camper may want. Note: There will not be any access to refrigeration.
- Supplies will be unique to each camper for the week and disinfected between camp weeks.

- **Masks**
  - All Akron Zoo staff will be required to wear a mask.
  - We ask at this time that Campers wear masks while indoors, but will not require them outside. We will continue to evaluate this as the summer continues and let you know as changes happen. All efforts will be made to follow the Summit County Health Department guidelines for children wearing masks.

- **Smaller Camp Sizes**
  - Each camp will be limited to 12 participants. This will allow us to engage all campers while maintaining social distance.
  - Campers will remain with the same cohort for the entire week

- **Activities and Supplies**
  - Each camper will have a set of supplies that they will use for the week; these supplies will not be shared amongst the other campers.
  - Supplies that can be easily disinfected will be cleaned and re-used the next week of camp.
  - Supplies that cannot be easily disinfected (crayons, etc) will be provided as each campers’ personal set. Campers will be able to take these supplies home at the end of each week.
• **Cleaning and Sanitization**
  - We are purposely conducting camp every other day to allow ample time for camp space to be completely cleaned and sanitized between camp sessions.
  - Campers will be given their own travel size hand sanitizer while at camp. We will also take frequent hand washing breaks

• **Guest and animal experience**
  - In order to protect the health and safety of the staff and animals, encounters will be no contact. We will be continually reevaluating this and will make changes throughout the summer as conditions permit.

• **Tracking and notification procedures**
  - If a camper has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, all parents, as well as local health officials, will be notified. The individual child’s name and any identifying information will NOT be disclosed.

• **Parent Pick Up/Drop off**
  - Drop off/pick up times:
    - Drop off times are from 8:30-9:00 am - and- 12:40-1:00 pm
    - Pick up times are from 12:00-12:20 pm - and- 4:00-4:20 pm
    - Early pick up or late arrivals need to be scheduled in advance with zoo camp staff

Drop off and pick up will occur in our “C” parking lot near the entrance to our Komodo Kingdome Education Center. You must provide a list of people approved for pickup in advance.

**Drop Off:**
- Please follow the signs and arrows painted on pavement to our drop off/pick up area.
- Remain in your car.
- Our camp staff will mark child(ren) as arrived at drop off.
- Your child(ren) may exit car and approach enter our Education Center.
  - At this time, you will not be able to accompany your camper into the classrooms. *

**Pick Up:**
*For pick up you must have identification and be on the approved pick-up list.*
- Please follow the signs and arrows painted on pavement to our drop off/pick up area.
- Remain in your car.
- Tell our camp staff the name(s) of Child(ren) being picked up and show staff your id to be confirmed against the approved pick-up list. The camper(s) will be brought to the car to load.
- You will then exit through the zoo’s main entrance.