



2020 COVID Plan

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden has chosen to proceed with summer Zoo Camp as a resource to working parents seeking childcare. In light of the COVID-19 situation, Zoo Camp will operate with enhanced safety measures and operating procedures in place. It is important to understand that the COVID-19 emergency is a changing situation, and that as CDC and/or State of South Carolina guidance changes, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden will update our procedures.

Safety Actions:

Riverbanks will promote healthy hygiene practices by:

- Teaching and reinforcing hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes among children and staff.
- Requiring the use of cloth face coverings among all staff. Face coverings will not be required but encouraged amongst children.
- Having adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, tissues and no-touch trash cans.
- Posting signs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear face coverings.

Riverbanks will intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation, including:

- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects (for example: games and art supplies) between uses.
- Ensuring safe and correct application of disinfectant and keeping products away from children.
- Ensuring ventilation systems operate properly and increasing circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, and other methods.

Riverbanks will promote social distancing by:

- Ensuring that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff.
- Restricting mixing between groups.
- Limiting group sizes to no more than 15 children.
- Restricting nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities involving other groups at the same time.
- Creating social distance of 6 feet between children where possible.
- Adopting protocols to limit direct contact with parents and families as much as possible during drop-off and pick-up times.

Riverbanks will limit sharing by:

- Keeping each child's belongings separated from others.

- Ensuring adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible.

Riverbanks will train all staff in the above safety actions through a combination of virtual and in-person trainings.

Health Screenings:

All staff and children will be screened for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress.

- Temperatures will be taken of staff or children exhibiting signs of illness to confirm temperature below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Thermometers will be disinfected between uses.

Screenings will occur in a dedicated "sick room."

When health screenings occur:

- The health screener will utilize personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintain sufficient social distancing when possible.

Ill staff or children:

Staff or children that are sick or suspect they are becoming sick, will not be permitted in the program.

Staff or children that have had a high-risk exposure or suspected high-risk exposure to COVID-19, will not be permitted in the program.

Staff or children who have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees are not permitted in the program.

If a child or staff member who has been present in the program is diagnosed with COVID-19, Riverbanks will:

- Notify families and staff of the program about the exposure.
- Report cases of COVID-19 infection to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) on the day of recognition or strong suspicion of the disease.
- Exclude the children and staff members who are determined to have had close contact with the affected child/staff member for 14 days after the last day they had contact with the affected child/staff member.
- Conduct appropriate cleaning and disinfection:
 - Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
 - Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the areas.
 - Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning or disinfecting to allow respiratory droplets to settle before cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, and common areas.
 - If more than 7 days have passed since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection.