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## SANTA BARBARA ZOO IS OPEN BUT WITH IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

(March 13, 2020) Santa Barbara, CA - The safety of the Santa Barbara Zoo team members, guests and the animals is, as always, the organization's top priority. The [Santa Barbara Zoo](#) is taking proactive measures to ensure the wellness of people and animals comes first in light of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

At this time the Zoo is open to the public, but with some important changes to operations. Most animal exhibits will remain open, however due to the necessity of social distancing, some high traffic areas, special attractions, and experiences will be closed until further notice. The full list is below, and can also be found [on the Zoo's website here](#). In addition, all events and programs will be postponed or canceled (including Fairytale Weekend, Zoo Camp, private events, and more) through March 31. Guests visiting while many attractions are offline will receive a free guest pass for a return visit for use during regular hours, valid through the end of the year.

### **Affected Programs/Attractions:**

- Zoo Train
- Zoo Camp
- Field Trips
- Safari Sleepovers
- Giraffe Feeding Experience
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours
- Penguin Fish Toss
- Leopard Feeding Experience
- Animal Rides
- Bounce Houses
- Barnyard Feeding
- Mining Camp
- Explorer Fundays
- Kallman Play Area (including anthill)
- Live Stage Shows
- Animaland
- Kids Play Area

- Eeeww!
- Rainforest Passage
- Tropical Aviary
- Wings of Asia
- Rattle Snake Canyon
- Lower Gorilla Viewing

The Zoo's food service and gift shop will remain open for business. Extra precautionary steps have been implemented around the Zoo, including extra hand-sanitizing stations, increased sanitation efforts, and hand-washing reminders. The Zoo is monitoring the situation closely, and will continue to take the necessary steps as recommended by the Santa Barbara County Health Department. As the situation evolves, updates will be available via email, social media, and the [Zoo's website](#).

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