

Health Policy

Children should only attend camp if they are able to participate in activities with reasonable comfort. If your child is feeling unwell, we encourage to keep your child at home.

If your child is ill and unable to attend camp for any reason, please e-mail educate@mnzoo.org to inform us as far in advance as you can.

If a child becomes ill while at camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately by phone. Ill children must be picked up as soon as possible, either by a parent/guardian or an authorized emergency contact. Zoo staff will stay with the sick child and the sick child will be isolated as appropriate.

A child with any of the following conditions/behaviors that are determined to be contagious must not attend Zoo Camp until the following criteria are met:

- **COVID-19:** children have quarantined for a minimum of 5 days from either first date of symptom onset or date of testing and are no longer symptomatic. This policy is subject to change based on guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- **Diarrhea:** defined as three or more uncontrollable loose stools within 24 hours. Child must not attend camp until diarrhea stops, has no other excludable symptoms, and child is back to regular eating/drinking/toileting, or a healthcare provider has determined it is not a contagious disease.
- **Vomiting:** defined as two or more episodes within a 24-hour period. Child must not attend until they have ceased vomiting for 24 hours.
- **Fever:** defined as an auxiliary temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Child must not attend until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- **Lice:** child must not attend until after the first treatment and no live lice are found.
- **Rash:** child must not attend until a healthcare provider concludes rash is not a symptom of a communicable disease.
- **Respiratory infection (including RSV):** child must not attend if they have a fever or cannot participate in program activities with reasonable comfort.
- **Strep throat:** child must not attend until 24 hours after first treatment. If the child has a fever, fever exclusions also apply.
- **Chicken Pox:** children must not attend camp until all blisters have dried into scabs (approximately six days after rash onset).
- **Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye):** children must not attend camp until at least a full 24 hours after treatment begins.
- **Impetigo:** child must not attend until at a full 24 hours after treatment.
- **Ringworm:** child must not attend until 24 hours after first treatment.
- **Scabies:** child must not attend until 24 hours after first treatment.

If you have any questions, please email us at educate@mnzoo.org