

COLCHESTER ZOO LTD

Keys points for managing Covid-19 risk during a school trip to Colchester Zoo

This risk guidance sheet provides a general outline of controls identified for school trips to Colchester Zoo. Colchester Zoo has conducted a more detailed risk assessment for schools which is available to download via the website (www.colchester-zoo.com/plan-your-visit/schools-groups/education/plan-your-visit/risk-assessments). Detailed guidance for Colchester Zoo overall is also available on the website (www.colchester-zoo.com/plan-your-visit/information-faqs-2/covid-19-questions).

It is strongly recommended that **organisers create their own risk assessments based on this guidance**. Organisers can visit Colchester Zoo on pre-visit familiarisation trips to aid them in this. Please contact zoo staff if you require any additional information to help you plan your visit.

Teacher Responsibilities

Teachers and any supporting adults are responsible for the behaviour of their pupils at all times. Students in years **Reception to Year 9** should be directly supervised at all times. Students in Year 10 and older may be unsupervised but must follow the health and safety guidelines.

Prior to your visit:

- **Schools must pre-book their visit**
- If schools have confirmed cases, we request they cancel their visit to Colchester Zoo

During your visit we recommend that you:

- **Maintain social distancing** from general zoo visitors where possible
- Ensure pupils maintain **good hygiene** using hand washing and alcohol gel hand sanitiser
- If possible, we recommend adults wear **face coverings** within indoor areas of the zoo

Colchester Zoo Responsibilities

Colchester Zoo strives to provide a safe and enjoyable day out for schools and has measures in place to facilitate this despite the increased risk of Covid 19. Below are the key controls Colchester Zoo has put in place to mitigate the potential risk of Covid-19.

- All visitors and staff are requested to **maintain social distancing**
- Zoo staff are requested to wear **face coverings** in indoor areas and close contact situations
- The zoo has **increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures** in place throughout the site, especially high contact areas
- Zoo staff have been recommended to receive **vaccines** if possible
- Zoo staff are recommended to conduct regular **lateral flow tests**
- **Additional hand sanitisation facilities** have been provided and visitors are requested to ensure increased hand cleaning
- **Staff are temperature** checked daily and requested to stay home if they have any symptoms or have been exposed to people who do
- People with symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss/change in sense of smell or taste) are requested to not visit
- As part of **Track and Trace**, lead contact details are recorded and they will be contacted if necessary
- **Educational sessions** are delivered with increased cleaning and other measures in place to mitigate risk (see full school risk assessment for more details)