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## SENECA PARK ZOO ANNOUNCES NEW MASK GUIDELINES

*All guests, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks indoors.*

**August 2, 2021** - Monroe County Executive **Adam Bello** and Seneca Park Zoo have released new mask policies in response to having moved into the “substantial” Covid-19 transmission zone and the associated CDC recommendation that all vaccinated and unvaccinated people wear masks in public indoor spaces. All guests, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks in indoor buildings and exhibits.

“The health and safety of our guests and the animals in our care is our top priority,” said Bello. “We will continue to do what is necessary to keep all guests, especially families with young children who can’t yet be vaccinated, safe while they enjoy the Seneca Park Zoo.”

Visitors who are not fully vaccinated are asked to continue to wear face coverings at all times, including children ages 3 – 11. Seneca Park Zoo also encourages following social distancing practices, the continued use of hand sanitization stations, and frequent washing of hands. Face coverings are required for participants in camps and other education programs.

Advance ticket reservations are required, and members and general admission guests are encouraged to reserve their tickets online. Walk-ups will be accepted. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [senecaparkzoo.org/tickets](http://senecaparkzoo.org/tickets). Seneca Park Zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last entry at 4 p.m.

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Internationally, and in our own backyard, Seneca Park Zoo plays a key role in species survival. Chartered as an educational institution in 1957 by New York State, the Seneca Park Zoo Society plays an integral role in supporting Monroe County, the owners and operators of the Zoo. Together, we are working to bring animals back from the brink of extinction.