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CAPE MAY COUNTY ZOO REOPENS SATURDAY

Cape May County Government is proud to announce the reopening of the Cape May County Zoo on Saturday. The Zoo will reopen to the public at 10 A.M. on Saturday with new safety precautions in place to keep visitors, staff, and the animals safe from COVID-19. During this time that the Zoo was closed, in accordance with an Executive Order from Gov. Phil Murphy, the Zoo staff continued to maintain the Zoo and take care of the animals following strict safety protocols.

“Our guests have been waiting for the day that we could reopen the Zoo,” said Freeholder E. Marie Hayes, liaison to the Zoo. “The staff has done a wonderful job in the time we have been closed caring for the animals and creating dozens of Virtual Zoo videos for schools. But there is no substitute for the real thing. People will now be able to go back to our Zoo this weekend.”

Tree to Tree Adventure Park is also reopening at the Cape May County Zoo, which is an aerial adventure and zip line park. The Cape May County Zoo has been named one of the top 25 zoos in the world according to TripAdvisor on multiple occasions, among many other awards and recognitions.

“It is a proud day to say that we are reopening the Cape May County Zoo,” said Freeholder Director Gerald M. Thornton. “I was talking daily with the Governor’s Office and Freeholder Hayes on this issue. I want to commend Freeholder Hayes, who was a strong voice in reopening the Zoo, and the entire Zoo staff, for the hard work they have put into getting reopened and the plans put in place to keep everyone safe.”

Some of the safety measures being put in place now include asking every guest over the age of 2-years-old to wear a mask when visiting the Zoo. This is for the protection of both the guests and animals, as some of the species are known to be the susceptible to the virus. Guests are asked to maintain social distancing from other groups and families when visiting. A one-way directional flow throughout the Zoo has been set up to reduce the amount of interactions between guests where possible. Capacity of the Zoo will be watched closely to ensure it doesn’t get overcrowded with guests. Also, the Aviary and Reptile House will remain closed at this time.