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SACRAMENTO ZOO SET TO REOPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 1

(May 18, 2020 - Sacramento, CA) -- Sacramento County recently approved the Sacramento Zoo's reopening plan which follows a carefully phased approach that strictly limits attendance.

The Sacramento Zoo will reopen on June 1 with enhanced protocols and procedures in place to ensure the health and safety of zoo guests, staff and animals including:

- **All tickets must be purchased and reserved in advance online.** Timed tickets will be available for specific dates to ensure that appropriate visitor capacities and physical distancing are maintained throughout the day.
- Zoo members must reserve tickets in advance online as well. Ticket price included in membership.
- **Timed tickets will be available for reservation beginning on May 22 at noon. Visit the zoo's website at "[Plan Your Visit](#)" to reserve tickets.**
- **Face masks are required for all staff and zoo visitors over two years old.**
- Guests will be asked to maintain a six-foot distance between your group and others when visiting. Physical distancing signage will be placed throughout the zoo.
- The zoo is instituting a paperless system – both for transactions and zoo maps.

Sacramento Zoo has consulted with experts at zoos across the country as well as with local health and government officials to develop a comprehensive reopening plan designed to ensure the health and safety of zoo visitors, staff and animals. Details and timed tickets will be available on the zoo's website in the "[Plan Your Visit](#)" section beginning on May 22 at noon.

"We are happy to provide a safe outdoor recreation opportunity," stated Sacramento Zoo Executive Director, Jason Jacobs. "As a nonprofit organization, the Sacramento Zoo relies on admission and membership revenue to operate the zoo and to care for the nearly 500 animals that call the zoo home. Since early March, we have added several new animals to the zoo including ostrich, alligators and a new female giraffe. We look forward to sharing these and other amazing animals with our community beginning June 1."

While the Sacramento Zoo works to reopen, the community can help the nonprofit zoo to continue to provide outstanding care for the nearly 500 animals that call the zoo home by donating to the zoo's **Emergency Fund**.

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*Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to nearly 500 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Sacramento Zoo, managed by the nonprofit Sacramento Zoological Society, inspires conservation awareness and action through education and recreation. Daily admission is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; zoo grounds are open until 5 p.m. General admission is \$17.50; children ages 2- 11 are \$12.50 and children one and under are admitted free. Currently, all tickets must be reserved and purchased online at **www.saczoo.org**. For information, call 916-808-5888 or visit **saczoo.org**.*

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