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**FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO TO CLOSE TEMPORARILY
DUE TO STAY-AT-HOME ORDER**

Fresno, CA – Fresno Chaffee Zoo announced today that it is temporarily closing to the public for a minimum of three weeks as of 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, in compliance with the state’s Stay-at-Home order.

“The Zoo is committed to following all regulations and doing our part to help our community stay healthy. We look forward to re-opening when we are able to and continue offering a safe outdoor activity for families across the Central Valley,” said Scott Barton, CEO.

The closure affects regular Zoo hours, after-hours events including ZooLights and on-site programs such as Behind-the-Scenes Adventures. General admission tickets pre-purchased for entry on Sunday morning will be honored. Guests that have purchased tickets or paid for other programs affected by the closure can contact the Zoo at 559-498-5921 or membership@fresnochaffeezoo.org to reschedule or refund their purchase. General admission tickets remain valid for one year from the date of purchase, so guests can also contact the Zoo to re-schedule their visit upon re-opening. Fresno Chaffee Zoo members will have the option to extend their membership for the length of the closure or donate that time to the Zoo.

The Zoo offers a number of holiday gift-giving options for guests to continue to support the Zoo during the closure. These include gift cards for memberships or Behind-the-Scenes Adventures, Adopt-an-Animal packages, Winter Camp craft boxes, a conservation wine series, personalized caricatures and a Holiday Parks Package in partnership with Storyland, Playland, and Valley PBS. More information on the Zoo’s Holiday Gift Guide is at <https://fresnochaffeezoo.org/support-the-zoo/holiday-gift-guide/>.

“We are so thankful to the entire community for all of their support throughout this year. We want to continue offering ways to engage with the Zoo and learn about animals and conservation over the next few weeks. We invite people to purchase a craft box for kids and families to do together at home or follow us on social media where we will share stories of the important work our team continues to do even when we are closed to guests,” said Barton.

"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation."

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