



## **Zebra Crossings statement concerning COVID-19**

As news of the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) becomes available, Zebra Crossings (ZC) is proactively planning for any impact to our programs. We are concerned with the health and well-being of all of the participants and staff in our communities and are monitoring the developing situation closely.

At this time, there are no travel advisories regarding COVID-19 in New Hampshire and no school closures in our immediate service area that would impact our upcoming programs. As such, we plan to conduct all day programs unless travel is restricted or we are otherwise advised by local, state, or federal authorities. We will continue to evaluate new information as it becomes available, and we are prepared to adjust if necessary. We will keep our participants, families, and staff informed if any changes need to happen in terms of our program offerings.

We encourage you to find more information through these trusted sources:

- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [The World Health Organization](#)
- [U.S. State Department Travel Information](#)

As a preventative measure against disease transmission, our programs stress the importance of hygiene and safety. We will add extra attention to the implementation of these recommendations from the CDC.

- Frequent handwashing with soap and water or using alcohol-based sanitizer
- Using the crook of your arm to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Avoid direct contact, handshakes etc. with other participants or staff

### **Our staff will take the following precautions:**

- Our staff will conduct a screening for travel, recent illness and temperature check upon arrival.
- Ask all participants and staff to wash hands upon arrival, before and after food.
- Avoid activities that involve touch and close up interaction.

### **We ask our families to keep your child at home if they:**

- Have recently traveled or have been in close contact with someone who has recently traveled to an at risk area currently listed as Level 2 on the state department list:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>
- Have a fever – please check your child's temperature prior to arrival
- Have a cough
- Have recently been ill

We ask parents/guardians to make their personal decision regarding their child's participation in the ZC program based on your personal circumstances, specific health concerns for your child and comfort level.

Please know that Zebra Crossings will provide a full refund for our day programs if you choose to withdraw.

If a participant or staff arrives at our sites exhibiting signs and symptoms of flu-like illness (fever, cough, sore throat, and shortness of breath), they will not be admitted to the program. Anyone with reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 will need to be cleared by a medical provider before entering the sites.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding Zebra Crossings preparation and response to this public health event. We will continue to communicate with updates as they are available.