

Assiniboine Park Conservancy Update Regarding our Response to COVID-19

For immediate release: Winnipeg, March 17, 2020 – Based on today's announcements from the federal and provincial governments, as a public health precaution, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy is closing all facilities and attractions to the public effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. This includes the Assiniboine Park Zoo, The Park Café, and The Pavilion. We are also cancelling all events and educational programs at the Park and Zoo.

We have based these decisions on the most recent advice of provincial and federal public health authorities, the growing calls for social distancing, and out of care and concern for the health and well-being of our staff, volunteers, customers and community.

While we know this is temporary and we will return to full operations as soon as possible, we do not yet know with certainty when that will be. Updates will be made available on our website: <u>assiniboinepark.ca/covid-19</u>

Rest assured that our incredible animal care professionals will be working during the closure to ensure the health and well-being of our animals. We are prepared. We have planned ahead, have a surplus of essential food and medical supplies on hand, and will proactively monitor our supply chain to ensure essentials remain on hand.

As a not-for-profit organization, we value our customers, members, and donors who support our vision to be a place where people experience the wonders of nature in a way that inspires them to conserve it for the future.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, words of encouragement, and ongoing support during these challenging times and look forward to welcoming you back to Assiniboine Park and Zoo as soon as we can!

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