

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

2022 PAWS International Captive Wildlife Conference | November 11 and 12 Post-Conference ARK 2000 Sanctuary Visit | November 13



For the safety of all conference participants and those attending the optional post-conference ARK 2000 sanctuary visit, PAWS is implementing reasonable protocols that will comply with or, where legally permissible, exceed state, local, and federal public health requirements. We need everyone to work together to keep us all (attendees, staff and sanctuary animals) as safe as possible and to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is widely recognized as a highly contagious and dangerous disease. Participating in person at the 2022 PAWS International Captive Wildlife Conference and related events presents certain inherent risks related to COVID-19 transmission and infection that cannot be entirely eliminated.

By choosing to attend the conference, you accept the risks of participating in person, and you agree to adhere to the Conference Health and Safety Protocols.

You acknowledge and assume all risks and dangers associated with your participation and you agree that PAWS will not be responsible for any personal or bodily injury (including illness and/or death), economic loss, out of pocket expenses, or other loss suffered as a result of your participation or attendance in the conference and related events.

Prior to registering for the conference, please be aware of the following requirements:

- Participants must abide by the Conference Health and Safety Protocols outlined below.
- Participants must present proof of vaccination prior to entering the event.
- Participants must wear an acceptable mask over the mouth and nose at all times while indoors or on shuttles for sanctuary visit, except while eating and drinking.

Conference Health and Safety Protocols

By attending the 2022 PAWS International Captive Wildlife Conference you attest that in the fourteen (14) days prior to your arrival at the conference you will have NOT:

- Tested positive for COVID-19 or other communicable diseases
- Tested for COVID-19 and are still awaiting results
- Experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste or smell)
- Been in direct contact with or in the immediate vicinity of any person who is either confirmed or suspected of being infected with COVID-19 or other communicable disease

During the conference you agree to:

- Wear a face mask that covers the mouth and nose while indoors or on shuttles, except while eating or drinking.
- Permitted masks include valve-free respirator masks (N96 or KN95), surgical or medical masks, or 2- or 3-ply cloth masks.
- Masks not permitted include those with an exhaust valve, bandanas, scarves, plastic shields alone, balaclavas.

Should you become ill during or after the conference you agree to:

- Refrain from participating in the conference and remain in your hotel room unless medical care is required. Follow the [CDC guidelines](#) on what to do should you get sick.
- Immediately report your illness to PAWS Director of Programs Kim Gardner at kimkleingardner@yahoo.com.

Failure to follow Conference Health and Safety Protocols will result in:

- Refusal of entrance to the conference or removal from conference.
- Forfeiture of conference registration fees. PAWS will not be held liable for travel, hotel, or other out of pocket expenses.

Tips for staying healthy

- Wear a mask while traveling and in transportation hubs.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. If you need to touch your face, make sure your hands are clean.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.