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The Linnaean Society of New York COVID-19 Field Trip Guidelines

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The Linnaean Society of New York takes the threat of the coronavirus outbreak seriously, and continues to follow all health and safety guidelines issued by New York City, New York State and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The health and safety of our trip leaders and participants is of the utmost importance to all of us. Given the widespread availability of vaccines and the current low rate of infection, certain field trip guidelines have been relaxed. However, it remains the responsibility of each participant to take the appropriate steps to prevent infection.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we require all participants to follow these guidelines when attending any LSNY field trip:

- Practice social distancing. All participants, regardless of vaccination status, should remain at least 6 feet apart from other trip participants at all times during field trips.
- Fully vaccinated participants are not required to wear a face mask when outside.
- Unvaccinated participants should continue to wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth at all times during field trips.
- Bring and use 70% alcohol hand-sanitizer.
- Sharing of binoculars, scopes, food or drink will be prohibited.
- Please stay home if you have a fever or any symptoms of respiratory illness, if you have been in close contact with an exposed or symptomatic person (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes) in the last 14 days, or if you have returned in the last 14 days from a state or country where NYS requires travelers to self-quarantine. This link shows the areas that NYC requires a mandatory 14-day quarantine if you have traveled there: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

In addition, we will be modifying our trips and procedures as follows:

- At the trip leader's discretion, attendance may include up to 20 people, including the trip leader.
- All attendees will be responsible for arranging their own transportation. There will be no organized car-pooling for trips until further notice. If a field trip participant with a car offers to take passengers, the driver may set certain requirements for their passengers, such as being vaccinated and/or wearing a face mask.
- All LSNY field trips now require registration. This includes our Tuesday morning Central Park walks, as well as the Starr Saphir Memorial walks.
- Registration protocol will require all attendees to send a return email to the trip registrar confirming that they have read, understood, and agree to all LSNY Field Trip COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. **No one will be allowed to participate in any LSNY field trip unless they have officially registered, and confirmed via email that they have agreed to these guidelines.**

Please keep in mind that you are taking any LSNY trip at your own risk. Especially, if you are in a high risk health group, you must assess for yourself the risks of attending a field trip.

Adherence to these guidelines is essential for all participants. Trip leaders have full authority to require anyone not following these guidelines, or engaging in any behavior that the leader feels puts others at risk, to leave a trip.