Guests are currently **NOT** required to wear a mask during the Conservation Tails Walkabout, but it is strongly recommended.
Sensory Key

There are lots of things to see here. It might be bright or hurt my eyes in places where I see this. I can wear sunglasses or cover my eyes.

There are lots of things to hear here. It might be loud in places where I see this. I can wear headphones or cover my ears if it gets too loud.

When I see this there will be things I can taste here. I do not have to put anything in my mouth if I do not want to.

There might be a strong smell in places where I see this. I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.

There are lots of things to touch here. There might be things that I feel uncomfortable touching when I see this. I do not have to touch anything that I do not want to.
ZooTampa’s Modified Operation Plan during a Pandemic.

- The park, shops, and restaurants are operating at limited capacity.
- Reservations/Pre-purchased tickets are not required, but are recommended and the only way to guarantee entry.
- Touchless transactions will be available and encouraged.
- Always maintain 6 feet distance between groups.
- Masks are NOT required to outdoor areas of the Zoo except to participate in Signature Encounters and Giraffe Meet and Greet.
- Masks are required at any indoor location on Safari Expedition.
- Handwashing and sanitation stations have been increased throughout the Zoo. Please wash hands frequently using soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Temperature checks are conducted at the entrance. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4F will not be permitted entry.
- If you are feeling sick, please return home and seek medical care.
- Rides are sanitized between use and are operating at limited capacity.
- Some attractions may be closed.
Modified Operation Plan Signage

You will notice circle signs that say “Please stay 6 feet apart”, they signs are to help ZooTampa ensure we have lots of space between people.
We are going to the Conservation Tails Walkabout.

The Conservation Tails Walkabout meets at the Manatee Hospital Overlook on the Florida Boardwalk. We can get there by following the map and signs.
When we get to the Manatee Hospital Overlook, we will meet up with our guide.
If I have any questions during the tour I will wait until after the guide has finished talking about the animal to raise my hand and ask.

Sometimes the animals are hard to see. If I cannot see an animal, that’s okay. We can try again later after the tour.
Our guide will talk about the manatees. I will use my listening ears to learn about the manatees.

Sometimes the manatees are hard to see. If I cannot see the manatees, that’s okay. We can try again later, or we can see them in the Manatee Tunnel after the tour.
When we are done talking about the manatees, our guide will take us to see the alligators. I will use my walking feet while going to see the alligators.

Sometimes the alligator habitat might have a strong smell. That’s ok, I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.
After we visit the alligators, our guide will take us to see the Florida Panthers. I will use my walking feet while going to see the panthers.
When we leave the panthers, our guide will stop briefly to show us the birds in the Aviary. I will use my walking feet when going to see the birds.
When we are done talking about the birds our guide will take us to see the black bears. I will use my walking feet while going to see the bears.
After we visit the black bears our guide will ask if there are any last questions. If we have questions we can raise our hand and wait for the guide to call on us, then we can ask our questions.

When we are done, we can continue our visit at ZooTampa at Lowry Park.
ZooTampa at Lowry Park has teamed up with the Center For Autism & Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida to provide support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. Please utilize the resources provided to properly plan for your visit to ZooTampa at Lowry Park.

We also recognize the support of Autism Shifts, The Learning Academy, Autism Speaks and the Diversity Action Coalition and applaud their efforts to promote inclusive experiences.”