Guests are currently required to wear a mask during the Expedition Africa Safari ride.
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 Expedition Africa.

The Expedition Africa ride is in Safari Africa. We can get there by following the map and signs.
Skip the line at Expedition Africa

Before we can go on the ride, we will have to wait in line. Good thing we got our free distract pack from the front gate. This purple wristband allows us to skip the line.
To skip the line, we can enter through the ‘Exit’ gate to the right of the Expedition Africa sign. When we get to the inner gate we will need to stop and politely let the platform attendant know that we have a purple wristband. They will help us get on the next tram that enters the station.
While we wait we can put our face masks on. Face masks help keep the people and animals safe. If the mask starts to bother me, I can take it off and do my best to stay 6 feet from other people when getting on and off the tram.
There are plastic dividers between each row to help keep people and animals safe. Some of these dividers may make noise. That’s okay, I can cover my ears or wear my headphones if the noise bothers me.
When it is time to begin, the driver will announce a few safety rules that are very important to follow. A platform attendant will secure the safety ropes on the side of the tram.
The tram driver will tell us all about the animals we see as we journey through Africa.
When we get back to the platform, it is important we remain seated until the tram driver and helper take down the safety chains for us.

I will not try to remove the chains myself.
As I exit the tram, I will be careful not to bump my head on the ceiling or step in the gap between the tram and the platform.
Our safari journey is complete when we get back to the station and I will be able to see all the rest of the animals in the zoo by using my walking feet.
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.”