



**Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park**

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**Alyssa Najafi**, director of public relations

- We would like to publicly acknowledge the temporary closure of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo following the discovery of Monkey B virus within a portion of our rhesus macaque population.
- As director of public relations, I want to emphasize that this step was taken out of an abundance of caution and demonstrates our continued commitment to the safety of our guests, staff, and animals.
- While the risk of human infection is extremely low, the zoo's leadership made this proactive decision to ensure complete transparency and public trust.
- We are working closely with Onondaga County officials, the New York State Department of Health and zoological health experts to align our communications and ensure consistent, verified information reaches the public.
- All updates will come directly from the zoo's official channels, including our website, social media and future briefings, to maintain clarity and accuracy.
- Our primary communication goal is to reassure the public while preventing misinformation or unnecessary concern.
- The zoo's leadership and health experts will address specific operational and medical details regarding containment measures and reopening timelines.
- We are deeply grateful to the community and local media for their patience, professionalism, and understanding as we continue to handle this situation responsibly.

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