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## REPTILE HOUSE AT FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO NOW OPEN

*Fresno, CA* – Guests at Fresno Chaffee Zoo can once again visit the Reptile House, an indoor area housing more than 40 species of snakes, turtles, and lizards. The re-opening of this indoor area is in compliance with the updated guidance for Fresno County's move into the red tier.

"The Reptile House is a special experience for guests where they can get a close-up look at these unique animals and their habitats, learn about the conservation threats they face, and our work to protect them in the wild," said Jon Forrest Dohlin, Chief Executive Officer of Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

The Reptile House at Fresno Chaffee Zoo is an indoor area that has been closed since December 2020 in compliance with purple tier restrictions. The Zoo has taken a number of measures to ensure the health and safety of guests as they return to this indoor exhibit. Staff will assist guests at the entrance to limit capacity inside and allow for social distancing. The Zoo has made many changes throughout its grounds including requiring masks, limiting capacity, and adding additional handwash and sanitizing stations in many locations.

Guests can see detailed information on the changes at the Zoo, what is affected by current restrictions, what exhibits are closed for construction, and what to expect from their visit on the Zoo's website, <a href="https://www.fresnochaffeezoo.org">www.fresnochaffeezoo.org</a>.

"We highly recommend pre-purchasing tickets before arriving. This is the best way to ensure you reserve your entry time and avoid a wait for walk-up ticket purchases," said Dohlin. "We want every guest to have a great visit to the Zoo. Reviewing the updates on our website and getting tickets in advance will help you plan a full day of fun."

"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation."