Reopening the Smithsonian: Welcome Back to the Zoo and Udvar-Hazy Center

Secretary Lonnie Bunch: Hello, I'm Lonnie Bunch, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.
And as we begin our phased reopening, here at the National Zoo
and the National Air and Space Museum -
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, in Chantilly, Virginia,
your safety is a priority for us.
So, we're implementing several safeguards.
In accordance with the latest health recommendations,
we're requiring our employees and all visitors
aged six and over to wear face coverings.
We also strongly recommend face coverings for children
between the ages of two and six.
We've installed numerous hand-sanitizing stations
throughout our locations.
We began rigorous cleaning protocols to ensure that
services are sanitized frequently
and we've required free timed passes for entry,
which will limit the number of visitors and make it easier
for people to maintain a safe distance.
Recommended by public health officials,
these steps will provide the safest possible environment.
If you feel more comfortable staying home,
our Smithsonian Cares website has an abundance of
inspirational, educational, online resources.
I'm proud that the Smithsonian has helped the nation grapple
with the challenges its faced over the last few months.
Reopening the Smithsonian will also take
a collective effort on all of our parts.
If you're sick, please stay home.
If you're able to visit,
please think of others and cover your face,
wash your hands, and stay six feet apart.
We're all in this together.
And if we make caring for each a priority, we can do this.
Thank you for understanding
and welcome back to the Smithsonian.