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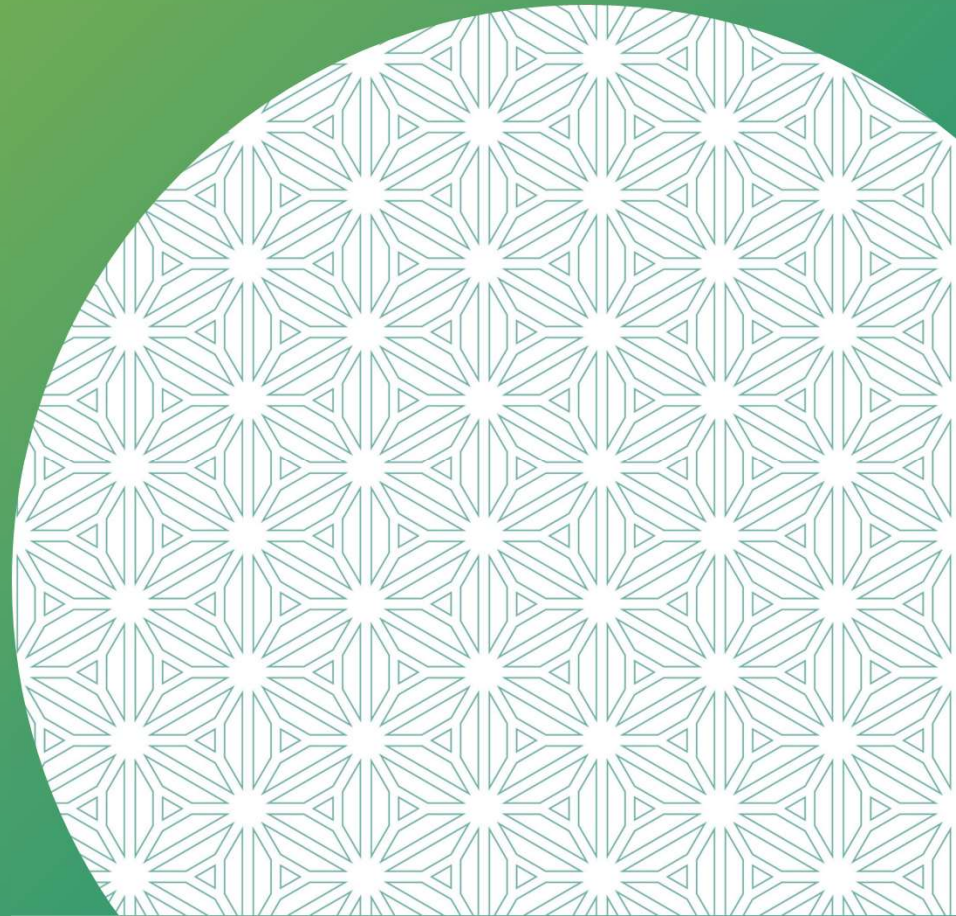
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PRIMATE SAFETY

Utilizing lockouts and signage to create a safe working environment for both primates and staff

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About Me



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Been at the zoo for 11 years
Currently working with
Primates

- Worked with a variety of
species



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Dallas Zoo

Two troops of Gorillas

- Family troop 2.4
- Bachelor troop 4.0

One Chimp troop

- 4.5 Chimps
- Often utilize fission fusion



PPE

- Wear KN95 masks around Great Apes and while making diets
- Gloves while feeding and cleaning
- The above plus boots and coverall while cleaning
- Staff also wear pepper spray

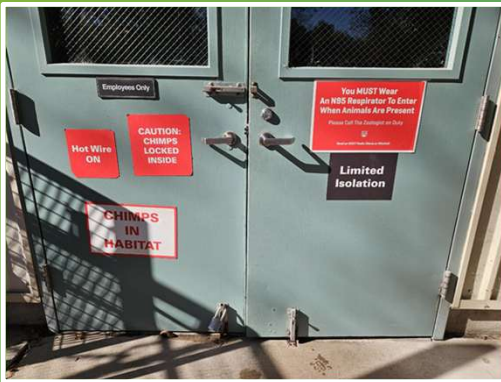
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Administrative Controls

- Two person lock check and shift
- "Code Red" board
- Dots and Signs



Engineering Controls

Gorilla Building

- Added Lock out/Retention locks to specific doors
- Gorilla building has 2 habitats, different keys for each side
- 2 key/ 2 lock will be implemented into the building soon



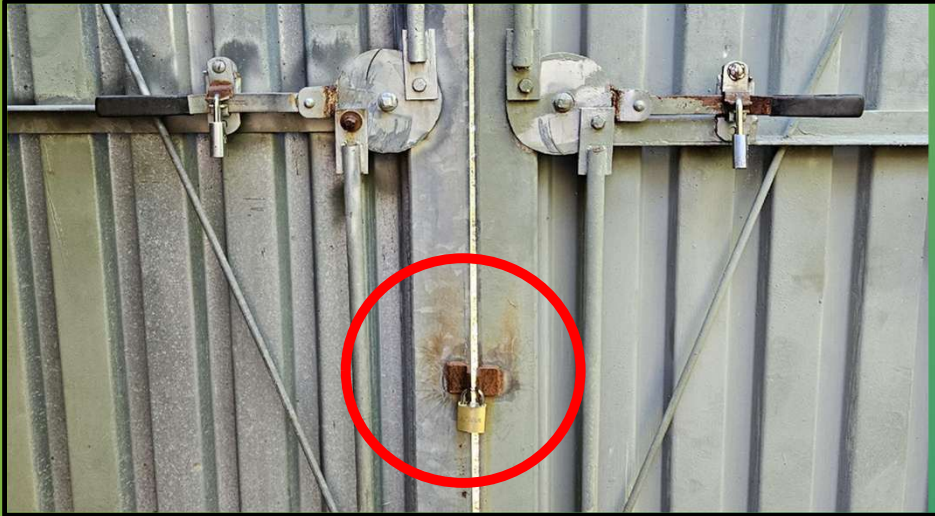
Engineering Controls

Chimp building

- Retention locks on each access door to habitat

- Shift doors
- Large keeper access door

- Building is in the process of switching to 2 key/ 2 lock system





Elimination

- Eliminated hand feeding of primates
 - Utilize tongs, chopsticks or pvc feed chutes
 - Decreases risk of fingers being bit or pinched

