FEEDING A GIRAFFE AT THE CINCINNATI ZOO
I am going to the Zoo to feed the giraffes at Giraffe Ridge!
Once we enter the Zoo, we will follow signs to Giraffe Ridge.
To keep the animals safe, masks are required in this area. I must wear a mask if I am going to feed a giraffe. Let’s stay safe and healthy!
Feeding the giraffes is something a lot of people like to do, we may have to wait our turn to feed them, and we will try to be patient. A Zoo employee will tell me when it is my turn to enter.
We must pay to feed the giraffes. When it is our turn, we will meet a Zoo employee that will help us pay for the lettuce the giraffe eats.
We will then wash our hands at the Handwashing Station so we can keep ourselves and the giraffe safe. Let’s stay safe and healthy!
After washing our hands, we will wait on the hippo footprint until a Zoo employee tells me it is my turn. The Zoo employee waiting with me can answer any questions I have about the giraffes we are feeding today.
I will try to use a quiet voice so that I don’t scare the animals.
When it is my turn a Zoo employee will let me know.
I must listen carefully, as they will give me instructions on how to feed the lettuce to the giraffe.
The giraffes are super friendly! They may accidently lick me with their tongue (we call that a Giraffe Kiss) and that is ok.

Unfortunately, we cannot touch the giraffes to keep them safe.
If I’m too short for the railing, I can feed the giraffes through the netting.
Sometimes the giraffes get distracted and I may have to wait for them to come over to where I am standing to feed them. I will wait patiently for them.
Sometimes the Giraffes may burp, sneeze or lick. That’s ok.

They may also be smelly.
When all our lettuce is gone, we will follow the signs to exit the giraffe feeding area.
After we have exited the giraffe feeding area, we need to wash our hands again at the Handwashing Station.

We can see other parts of the Zoo if we want to.