

# ANIMAL SAFETY

Animals can carry germs that make people sick. Follow these tips so you can safely enjoy being around animals.

## What to Know

- Animals can carry germs that may make people sick.
- Never eat, drink, or put anything into your mouth in animal areas.
- Older adults, pregnant women, and young children should be extra careful around animals.
- Wash your hands with soap and water right after visiting an animal area.
- If soap and water aren't available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you can.

## How to Wash Your Hands

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water.
2. Apply soap.
3. Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub well, including:
  - a. Backs of hands
  - b. Between fingers
  - c. Under fingernails
4. Rub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
  - a. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end.
5. Dry your hands with a clean paper towel or air dry them.
  - a. Do NOT dry your hands on clothing.

