

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 when you're 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:
 - Backs of hands
 - Between fingers
 - Under fingernails
4. Rub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
 - 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.
 - Do NOT dry your hands on clothing.

