

KEEP KIDS HEALTHY AT ANIMAL EXHIBITS THIS YEAR

When people forget to wash their hands after petting an animal, or bring food or drinks into an area where animals are being housed, they are at risk for becoming seriously ill. You can learn more about these germs and how they cause illness by visiting CDC's Healthy Pets Healthy People site.

http://www.cdc.gov/Healthypets/browse_by_animal.htm



Wash Hands Often

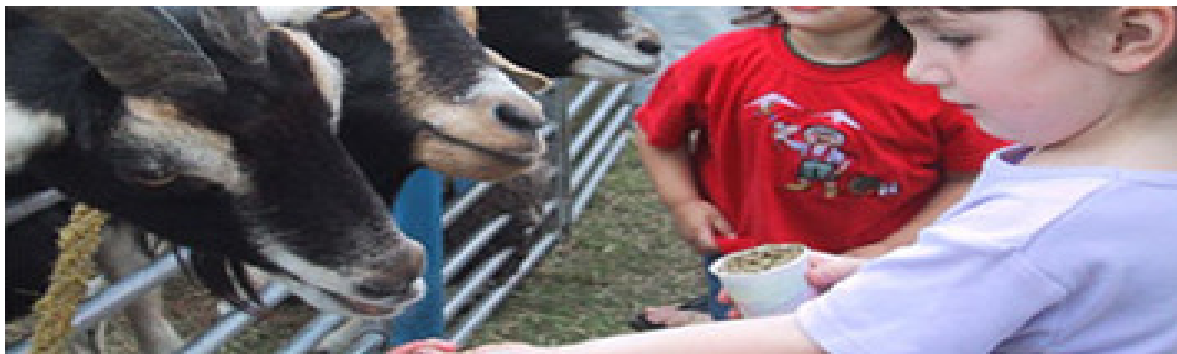
- Find out where hand washing stations are located.
- Always wash your hands right after petting animals or touching the animal enclosure.
- Always wash hands upon exiting animal areas even if you did not touch an animal, after going to the toilet, before eating and drinking, before preparing food or drinks, and after removing soiled clothes or shoes.
- Running water and soap are best. Use hand sanitizers if running water and soap are not available. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water as soon as a sink is available.

Eat and Drink Safely

- Keep food and drinks out of animal areas.
- Food should be prepared, served, and eaten only in areas where animals are not permitted (with the exception of service animals).
- Do not eat or drink raw (unpasteurized) products, including milk, cheeses, and cider or juices.
- Do not share your food with animals.

Remember; wash your hands before preparing food or drinks and before eating and drinking. Keep Children Safe Around Animals

- Children younger than 5 years old need supervision in animal areas.
- Never allow children to put their hands or objects (for example: pacifiers) in their mouth while interacting with animals.
- Hand washing should be supervised.
- Do not take or use strollers, bottles, pacifiers, spill-proof cups, or toys in animal areas.
- Children younger than 5 years old, elderly persons, and persons with weakened immune systems should use special precautions when around animal exhibits. You can find out more about these precautions by visiting Healthy Pets Healthy People site.



If you have any questions or believe your child may have an illness related to animal contact please contact your local health department. In Denver, please contact Public Health Inspections at 720-913-1311

