

# Wash Hands When Leaving Animal Exhibits

## Who

- Everyone, especially young children, older individuals, and people with weakened immune systems

## When

### Always wash hands

- After touching animals or their living area
- After leaving the animal area
- After taking off dirty clothes or shoes
- After going to the bathroom
- Before preparing foods, eating, or drinking

## How

- Wet your hands with clean, running water.
- Apply soap.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub well, including backs of hands, between and under fingernails.
- Rub hands at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse hands.
- Dry hands using a clean paper towel or air dry them. Do not dry hands on clothing.

For more information, visit [cdc.gov/healthypets](https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets) and [cdc.gov/handwashing](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



Wet



Soap



Rub



Rinse



Dry