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Animal-Human Contact Facilities

General Information:

- Animals, especially those that are young and ill, may carry harmful microorganisms that can cause diarrhea and other gastrointestinal symptoms in humans.
- These microorganisms are shed in an animal's feces and sometimes in saliva. After shedding, they may also survive in an animal's environment (such as railings, feed and water containers).
- Organisms of concern include: Salmonella, Campylobacter, E. coli and Cryptosporidium.
- Only touch or feed animals in designated areas. Always ask the owner's permission before touching exhibited animals.
- Do not touch animals in isolation areas.

- ◆ **NO Hand-to-Mouth Contact After Touching
Animals and their Environment.**
- ◆ **ALWAYS Wash Hands Prior to Eating.**

Follow These Prevention Recommendations:

- **Always** wash hands with soap and running water before eating.
- Wash hands with soap and running water after feeding or touching animals or their environment. Use antibacterial soap if available.
- Do NOT use baby wipes in place of hand washing as they do not kill germs such as E. coli 0157:H7.
- Avoid hand-to-mouth activities in livestock areas such as eating, smoking, nail biting, carrying toys, pacifiers, baby bottles, etc.
- Do not eat undercooked meat or drink raw milk.
- High-risk individuals (children less than 5, elderly, pregnant and immune compromised people) should use heightened precautions.
- If you have additional questions about specific symptoms, risks or infections, contact your health care professional or your Public Health Agency.