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.

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