

Animals and School: What Teachers Need to Know

Kids can safely learn about and have fun around animals.



Happy and healthy animals can still harm people.

- Animals can spread germs that cause life-threatening infections.
- Injuries can happen when near animals and their surroundings.

Some people are at higher risk for getting sick from animals:

- Young children, especially those under 5
- Adults who are pregnant or older than 65
- People with weakened immune systems



You can help keep students safe!



Ask for help.

Have enough chaperones to adequately supervise every child, making sure each washes their hands and doesn't put anything in their mouth while near animals.



Wait to eat and drink.

Don't allow food or beverages in animal areas or before handwashing.



Make sure handwashing is supervised.

Soap and water should be used for 20 seconds after being near animals and before eating or drinking.

