



OVER 70 CHILDREN ILL FROM E. COLI O157:H7 IN TWO SEPARATE PETTING ZOO OUTBREAKS

67 ill in UK outbreak linked to Godstone Farm in Surry

UK health officials have connected at least 67 illnesses associated with visiting and petting animals at the farm; eight children remain in hospital in a "stable or improving condition". The outbreak is thought to be linked to touching animals and eating in the animal area. In the wake of the outbreak, the U.K. has closed four such petting farms, either linked directly to the outbreak or due to poor standards.

13 ill in outbreak linked to the Pacific National Exhibition

Health officials say 11 children and two adults have contracted *E. coli* O157 from a Vancouver, Canada petting zoo. One of the victims, 14-month-old Jacklyn Neitzel, hospitalized for kidney failure, became ill four days after touching animals at the PNE petting zoo. Jacklyn's mother, Caroline Neitzel, says she was careful letting her daughter touch the animals, even wiping her with moist towelettes after she pet them. A spokesperson from the PNE said there were hand sanitizers and sinks at the exits of the zoo and signs reminding visitors to wash their hands.

REDUCING PATHOGENIC E. COLI RISK AT PETTING ZOOS

- Handwashing can reduce the risk of *E. coli* O157, but signs and sinks do not make people wash their hands.
- Passively putting up signs and providing hand washing tools isn't enough.
- Be diligent in promoting the importance of handwashing with patrons and staff and compel folks with creative messages.
- Check out a handwashing video at bites.ksu.edu/dudewashyourhands



RISKS AT PET- TING ZOOS AND LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- VISITORS EATING AROUND ANIMALS
- LACK OF HANDWASHING
- CHILDREN TAKING ITEMS LIKE BOTTLES, PACIFIERS AND CUPS INTO ANIMAL AREAS
- LAX CLEANING AND SANITIZING