

Critter Visits

Specific for Frozen Too Adventures: After parking, feel free to use our porta-potty. NO PERSONAL ANIMALS OR PETS are permitted at our farm. Our team member will welcome you, ensure masks are on and verify your booking. You will be asked for the contact information for your group. We will hold names and phone numbers for up to 4 weeks in the possibility of contact tracing. We are limiting farm access to escorted areas only.

Hand Sanitizer or soap and water starts the event to wash hands before entering the barnyard area. You will be escorted at all times to keep your group together, to answer questions and as part of our farm visitor Covid Protocols.

You will start by meeting Olaf in his Snow Zone This includes games and activities in snow with photo opportunities with our many happy Olaf's as well as Sven with his ring toss and Anna with her canoe (or is that you?). Your family can spend up to 20 minutes enjoying the winter wonderland.

Next you'll meet Kristoff with his "reindeer/pony" for your sleigh ride. Kristoff is masked but is happy to chat with your family. Masks can be removed for a posed photo with no movement, and faces forward. You'll be assisted to board the sleigh and Kristoff will lead you around the field. Our little sleigh will do laps with members of your group for 20 minutes. If for any reason the snow melts in our front field, our golden cart will replace the red sleigh for the rides.



When time is up, you'll be escorted to Oken's Trading Post ... host of our mini animals for a lovely petting zoo experience. Lambs, goats, piggies, cows, donkeys and big bunnies will bring miles of smiles.

Hand Sanitizer is here as your last animal stop before heading to the bonfire. Hot Chocolate are for sale @ \$2 per cup so you can sit by the bonfire for your last 20 minutes on site.

Hand sanitizing is available at the porta potty when you are done.



General Health in being around farm animals: To date, there have been no reports of horses, cows, pigs, chickens, or ducks testing positive for SARS-CoV-2. With the current COVID recommendations by Provincial and Federal health ministries, we have published what we feel our clients should know. **Zoonotic diseases** are infectious diseases that can be transmitted between animals and people. Some examples of germs that cause diarrheal zoonotic diseases:

- Campylobacter (bacteria)
- Salmonella (bacteria)
- E. coli O157:H7 (bacteria)
- Yersinia enterocolitica (bacteria)
- Cryptosporidium (parasite).

Some germs are naturally in the intestines of healthy livestock and poultry and are found in the animals' feces. Even if an animal appears healthy, it could still pass these germs to you.

People get sick from these germs by swallowing them. Once the germs are on your hands, you can accidentally get them in your mouth while eating, drinking, or during other hand-to-mouth activities such as smoking or thumb sucking. **The most common symptoms** are diarrhea and abdominal pain. Other symptoms may include vomiting, fever, cramps, and bloody diarrhea. People with mild symptoms usually recover without treatment. However, these illnesses can lead to hospitalizations and severe complications also can occur.

To reduce risk

Wash your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds upon exiting animal areas even if you did not touch an animal. Wash your hands before you eat, drink, smoke, or chew (tobacco, gum, etc.). Keep food, drinks, baby bottles, pacifiers, and toys out of animal areas. Strollers and wagons are not permitted in the Critter Connections area. **Children** younger than 5 years old must be supervised while interacting with the animals and during hand washing. Young children are more likely to get sick because they often touch surfaces contaminated with animal stool and are more likely to put their hands in their mouths. Germs can stay on the clothing and shoes you wear while interacting with animals and you can spread these germs to other people who haven't been with the Critters. These steps will help reduce the risk of illness for you, your family and friends. **Visitors who experience** fever, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting **within a month after interaction** with our animals should consult a doctor.

GUESTS: Children 5 years of age and younger, people with weakened immune systems, and adults over 65 years of age are more likely to get sick from the germs animals can carry, and should take extra precautions. If you forget to wash your hands after petting an animal, or bring food or drinks into an area with animals, you increase your chance of getting sick. Even animals that look clean and healthy can carry harmful germs, and areas where animals roam can be contaminated.

You don't have to touch an animal to get sick.

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