



Health and Human Services Agency

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# NOROVIRUS HEALTH ALERT May 12, 2017

## **Situational Update**

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) – Communicable Disease unit has been monitoring a Norovirus outbreak, at multiple schools throughout Yolo County. As of 5/11/2017, <u>952</u> students and school staff have become ill. Specimens have tested positive for Norovirus. Yolo County HHSA is working closely with school officials to monitor and contain the outbreak.

Please see actions requested of clinicians at this time below:

## **Actions Requested of All Clinicians**

- 1. **DIRECT** patients with Norovirus/GI illness to <u>remain home from work or school until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved</u>, due to continued viral shedding and high infectivity.
- EDUCATE patients on how to prevent the spread of Norovirus/GI illness, including proper hand hygiene, food preparation, cleaning surfaces, and laundering of contaminated linens or clothes. For more information and patient education, please visit the <u>CDC Website</u> for Norovirus.
- 3. **REQUEST** laboratories to forward confirmed Norovirus positive specimens since 4/15/2017 to Napa-Solano-Yolo-Marin Public Health Lab for genetic sequencing.
  - a. Phone:(707)784-4410
  - b. Fax: (707)423-1979
  - c. Address: 2201 Courage Drive, MS 9-200, FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

For information, please visit the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency – <u>Communicable Disease</u> website.

#### **Voluntary Actions to be discontinued**

- 1. No Longer need clinicians to send in CMRs or line lists of patients with suspected or confirmed GI illness/Norovirus
- 2. No longer need clinicians to collect stool samples for purposes of surveillance. Continue to collect stool samples as necessary for diagnostic and treatment purposes.

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