

GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS HEALTH ALERT

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Situational Update

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) – Communicable Disease unit has been notified of a gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreak, possibly norovirus at multiple schools throughout Yolo County. Yolo County HHS is working closely with school officials to investigate the outbreak. We are aware of an outbreak in Sacramento County as well. Students and school staff have become ill so far, and Yolo County HHS anticipates additional cases over the next few days.

Please see actions requested of clinicians at this time below:

Actions Requested of All Clinicians

1. **INQUIRE** what school (s) they attend when pediatric or college aged students presenting with acute GI illness (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea),
2. **REPORT** any patients presenting with GI illness and noro virus like symptoms as mandated by Title 17 during an outbreak
 - a. Via [CMR FORM](#) and FAX to 530-669-1549
 - b. Via CalREDIE
3. **COLLECT** stool specimens from patients presenting with acute GI illness
4. **DIRECT** patients with GI illness to remain home from work or school until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved.
5. **EDUCATE** patients on how to prevent the spread of 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 [CDC Website](#) for Norovirus.

For information, please visit the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency – [Communicable Disease](#) website.