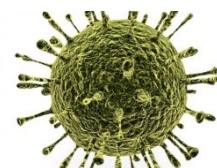


# Clean-up and Disinfection for Norovirus

Be prepared to protect yourself and customers from getting sick with Norovirus!

## What is Norovirus?

- It is a virus that is easily spread by person to person contact, eating food contaminated by an ill food worker or by touching surfaces (door knobs, countertops, faucets, etc.) that have been contaminated with the virus.
- The virus affects the stomach, causing vomiting and diarrhea.
- Any vomit or diarrhea may contain norovirus and should be treated as though it does.
- People will start seeing symptoms 12-48 hours after they are infected.
- Infected people can spread the illness for at least three days after they feel better.



How to respond to a vomiting or diarrheal accident?	Suggested supplies:
<b>1. <u>CLEAN UP!</u></b> <b>A.</b> Wear protective clothing (i.e. disposable gloves, apron, mask). Use paper towels and absorbent material (i.e. baking soda, kitty litter) to cleanup vomit or diarrhea right away. Throw dirty paper towels into a plastic trash bag. <b>B.</b> Wash the area with soap and hot water along with nearby surfaces that may have been touched (i.e. door knob, toilet handle). Rinse carefully with water and wipe with paper towels until dry.	<b>Assembling and storing these supplies in a 'kit' to allow for easier access and rapid response.</b> ✓ 'Caution! - Wet Floor' signs or safety cones ✓ Eye protection ✓ Disposable gloves (vinyl, latex or rubber) ✓ Disposable mask ✓ Disposable plastic apron ✓ Biohazard clean-up kits which would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liquid spill absorbent material</li><li>• Disposable shovel or scrapper</li><li>• Disposable bags and bag ties</li><li>• Disinfectant rated for Noroviruses (such as bleach)</li></ul>
<b>2. <u>DISINFECT!</u></b> <b>A.</b> Hard surfaces can be cleaned with a chlorine bleach mixture using <b>1 ½ cup of regular strength bleach (5.25%) + 1 gallon of water.</b> <b>B.</b> Apply bleach and let it sit for 5 minutes. <b>C.</b> Rinse bleach off of all food-contact surfaces before use.	✓ Paper towels ✓ Several plastic trash bags and bag ties ✓ Disinfectant and applicators (effective against viruses, including norovirus) ✓ Sanitizing solution
<b>3. <u>WASH HANDS!</u></b> <b>A.</b> Carefully take off and throw away dirty gloves and other protective clothing if used. Clothing and cloths used for clean-up can be machine-washed with hot water, detergent, and bleach if needed. <b>B.</b> Use hot water and soap to wash hands carefully for <b>at least 20 seconds!</b>	✓ Mop and mop buckets (note: mops are not recommended for clean-up, unless mop head is immediately discarded after use) ✓ Buckets for cleaning solutions ✓ Spray bottles and/or portable hand pump spray applicator