



Gastroenteritis (GI) Outbreak Checklist For:

Outbreak Onset	Last Outbreak:	Initial # ill Residents: Initial # ill Staff:	# Beds @ Facility: # Staff @ Facility:
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→**Diarrhea:** 3 or more loose stools/24 hrs. (√ baseline)

→**Vomiting:** unexplained vomiting in adults (i.e. not on chemotherapy or new medicine)

Date Recommended	Date Implemented	Recommendations
		PATIENTS & STAFF
		Ill residents should remain in their rooms for at least 48 hrs after they no longer have diarrhea or vomiting. Gowns, masks, gloves & shoe covers to be located outside their rooms for use by staff.
		Ill staff should be sent home immediately and stay home for at least 48 hours after they no longer have diarrhea or vomiting.
		No new admissions until 48 hours after onset of the last case.
		Close the dining rooms to all residents until 48 hours after onset of last case. OK to use regular silverware and dishware with normal dishwashing standards.
		Remove all communal food items for residents and staff for the duration of the outbreak.
		Cancel group activities for all residents until 48 hours after onset of last case. Well residents may leave their rooms.
		Post outbreak signs on facility doors & notify families.
		Restrict non-essential visitors; If visitation necessary, screen and exclude visitors with symptoms for 48 hours and educate well visitors about hand hygiene and contact precautions.
		Facility outbreak manager to log and fax a list of ill residents and staff every day before noon to Disease Control: 565-4565 FAX
		Minimize the movement of staff between units; have previously ill staff care for ill and recovering residents.
		Staff working at multiple facilities should change uniform and shoes prior to working at a different facility.
		Collect stool specimens on 3-4 patients with recent onset. Call Public Health Lab 565-4711 for testing or use your lab.
		ENVIRONMENT
		Use household bleach solution 1:10 {5,000 ppm} dilution (1 2/3 cups or 25 Tablespoons per gallon of water). Make fresh every 24 hrs. Allow surfaces to remain wet for 10 minutes.
		Hand hygiene is ESSENTIAL for everyone at all times. Use soap and water after touching any patient or surface area.
		Provide gloves, masks, gowns and shoe covers for staff cleaning up vomitus or diarrhea.
		Increase frequency of cleaning ward & bathrooms, especially high touch surfaces. Clean or change privacy curtains frequently.
		Clean carpets and soft furnishings with hot water and detergent or steam clean. Do not dry vacuum.