

Norovirus Toolkit

Norovirus continues to be the most common cause of gastroenteritis outbreaks in the U.S. with the majority occurring in healthcare settings, including long-term care facilities and acute care hospitals. Recently, CDC published new guidelines http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/norovirus/002_norovirus-toc.html for the prevention and management of norovirus outbreaks. Today, we're pleased to share with you a new norovirus toolkit <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pubs.html> that complements these guidelines and is designed to assist healthcare facilities prevent the spread of norovirus infections.

The new norovirus toolkit features recommended infection control measures and tools for outbreak response, coordination, and reporting. Toolkit pieces include:

- Overview: A Norovirus Outbreak Control Resource Toolkit for Healthcare Settings <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110-ANorovirusIntroLetter508.pdf>
- Poster: What Healthcare Providers Should Know <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110-A-SampleNorovirusPoster508.pdf>
- Fact Sheet: Norovirus in Healthcare Facilities <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110-ANoroCaseFactSheet508.pdf>
- Sample Communication Framework: Suspected or Confirmed Norovirus Outbreaks <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/216887-A-GICommFramewk508.pdf>
- Worksheet: Acute Gastroenteritis / Norovirus Case Reports <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110-A-NoroLineList508.pdf>
- Key Infection Control Recommendations <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110A-NorovirusControlRecomm508A.pdf>
- Sample Specimen Submission Framework: Resources during Norovirus Outbreaks <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/229110-A-NorovirusSpecimenSub508.pdf>
- Slide set: Norovirus Gastroenteritis Management of Outbreaks in Healthcare Settings <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/norovirus/NoroVirus-Gen508.pdf>