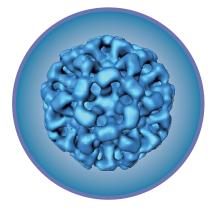


Fact Sheet

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WINTER VOMITING VIRUS (Also known as Noro and Norwalk like viruses)

Noroviruses

Are the name given to a group of viruses that cause "stomach flu," or gastroenteritis in people.

Symptoms

The symptoms of norovirus illness usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, and some stomach cramping. Sometimes people additionally have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general sense of tiredness. The illness often begins suddenly, and the infected person may feel very sick.

Viruses are very different from bacteria and parasites, some of which can cause illnesses similar to norovirus infection. Like all viral infections, norovirus's are not affected by treatment with antibiotics, and cannot grow outside of a person's body.

The norovirus is highly contagious, it's spread in a number of ways: through contaminated food and water, by contact with infected people and objects they have touched.

You can reduce the chances of becoming infected by:

- Washing hands with soap and warm water after toilet visits and before preparing or eating food
- ✓ Cook all shellfish thoroughly before eating
- ✓ Wash raw vegetables before eating
- ✓ Food handlers with symptoms of Norwalk-like illness should not prepare or touch food
- Thorough disinfection of contaminated surfaces, and prompt washing of soiled articles of clothing

Deb Product Recommendation

With prevention in mind Deb would recommend good hand hygiene practices and the use of the following products which would help with the spread of infection:

For Hands and Skin

Deb Florafree and Cutan Ranges

For Hard Surfaces

Janitol Spray & Wipe and Janitol Ultra Sanitiser



Norovirus (human calicivirus) cannot be cultivated artificially in a laboratory, so feline calicivirus is used as a surrogate for testing.

Both Cutan and Florafree Alcomouss have been tested against feline calicivirus and have been found to be active against it.



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