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Norovirus

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Provide an overview of norovirus, the symptoms, how it spreads and why it is important for school nutrition employees to know about norovirus



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Quick Poll

Norovirus can be spread by:

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ANSWER

E. All of the above.



What is norovirus?

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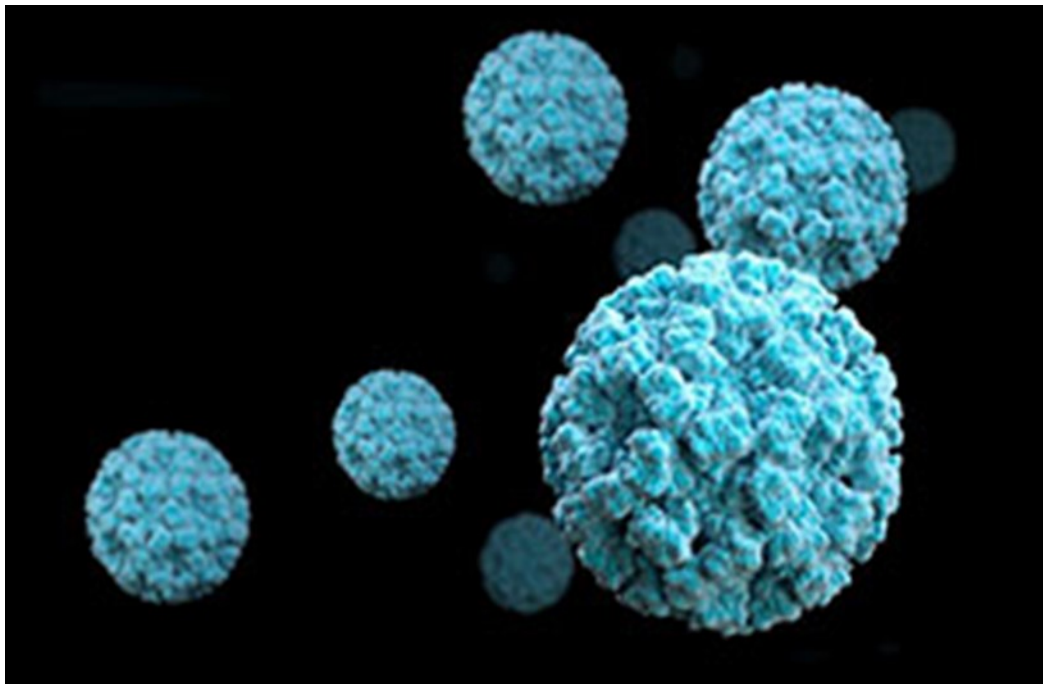


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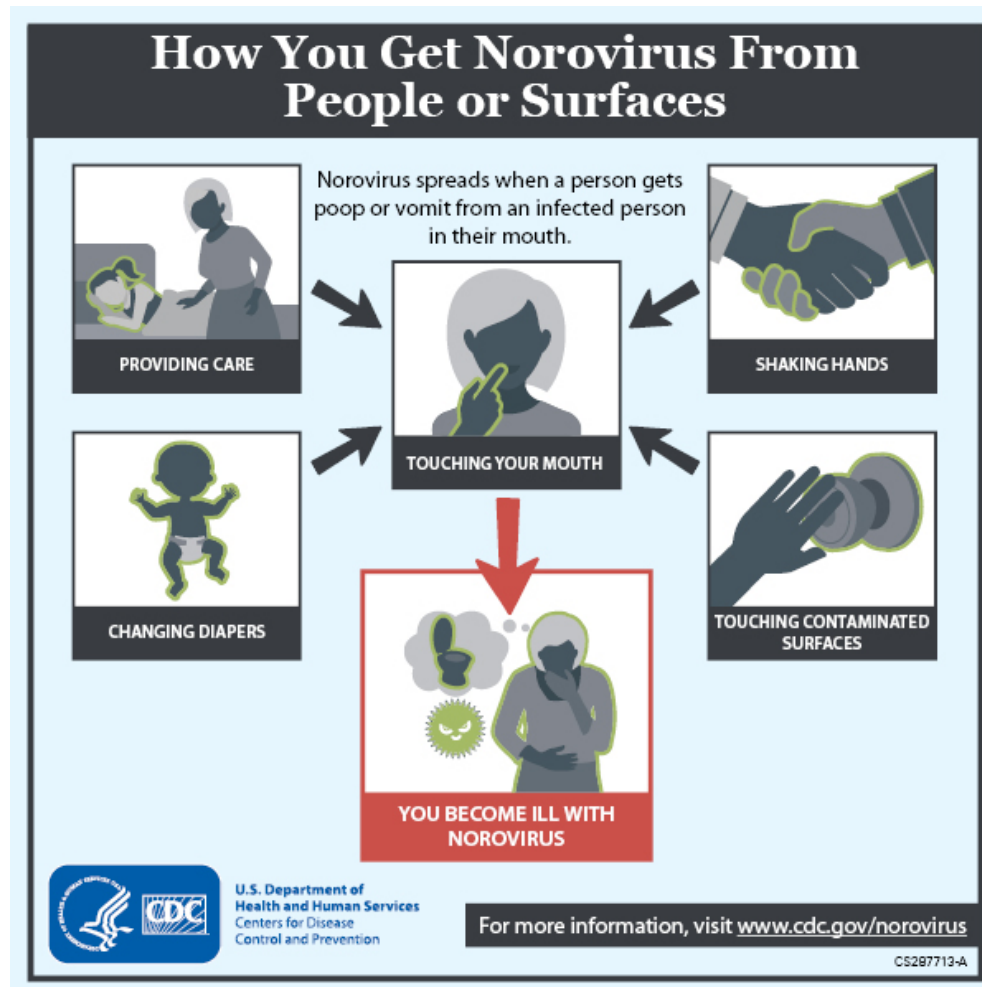
Symptoms

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- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Stomach Cramps
- Diarrhea





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- Lots of people in confined spaces
- Spreads quickly
- Survives at least a week on surfaces



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¹ Venuto, M., Garcia K., Halbrook, B. (2015) Analyses of the Contributing Factors Associated With Foodborne Outbreaks in School Settings (2000-2010). *Journal of Environmental Health*, 77(7), 16-20.

Ways to prevent norovirus outbreaks from food contamination

Kitchen managers should be trained and certified in food safety and ensure that all food service workers follow food safety practices outlined in the FDA model Food Code and CDC guidelines.



Don't Work When Sick

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Handwashing

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Respond

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- Stop all operations
- Remove individuals within 25 feet
- Require handwashing
- Dispose of exposed foods within 25 feet
- Put on Personal Protective Equipment
- Clean the affected area with disinfectant



Norovirus Prevention Resource

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INTRODUCTION



When Megan threw up, your first impulse was to rush to help her.

What should you have done next? Give Megan something to cover her mouth and remind her not to touch her face with her hands. Separate the other children and have them wash their hands. Don't try to clean it up unless you have the correct supplies and use the techniques described in this booklet.

This booklet explains what you—the school employee—need to know about stomach illnesses at school. What are your responsibilities? How can you decrease the risks to yourself, your co-workers, and other students? How should you clean up? This booklet will answer these questions for you and provide you with tips to share with your co-workers, family, and the school community.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/ofc/stomach-bug-book.pdf>



Questions