



**County of Sacramento**

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**GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS HEALTH ADVISORY**  
**May 15, 2017**

**Situational Update**

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) has been notified of multiple gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreaks, presumably norovirus, at infant care centers and schools in six Sacramento County school districts. SCPH is working closely with school officials to investigate these outbreaks. Please see actions requested of school administrators and school nurses at this time below:

**Actions Requested of All School Administrators and School Nurses:**

1. **Report** any unusually high number of GI illness-related student absences to SCPH via phone (916) 875-5881 Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm.
2. **Require** students and staff with acute GI illness to remain home until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved.
3. **Disinfect surfaces** with chlorine bleach solution (3/4 cup chlorine bleach per 1 gallon of water) if students or staff have had symptoms of GI illness. Cleaning with non-bleach alternatives has been ineffective in preventing the spread of these outbreaks.
4. **Provide** a daily line list of all students and staff affected if your school is experiencing a GI outbreak; SCPH will provide you with an excel template for this line list.
5. **Coordinate** with SCPH to dispense stool sample collection kits to a few students and staff with acute GI illness for testing at the SCPH Laboratory.

For information, please call Sacramento County Public Health Disease Control at (919) 875-5881 Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

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Public Health Officer