



County of Sacramento

GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS HEALTH ALERT
May 4, 2017

Situational Update

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) has been notified of a gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreak, possibly norovirus, at Elverta Elementary School. SCPH is working closely with school officials to investigate the outbreak. A minimum of 33 students and five faculty members at Elverta Elementary School have become ill so far, and SCPH anticipates additional cases over the next few days. This outbreak will likely spread to siblings and playmates of Elverta Elementary students who attend other schools in the County. Please see actions requested of clinicians at this time below:

Actions Requested of All Clinicians

1. **Inquire** whether patients presenting with acute GI illness (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea) attend Elverta Elementary School or have had recent contact with a child who attends Elverta Elementary School.
2. **Report** all patients who are Elverta students or contacts to Elverta students to Sacramento County Division of Public Health (SCDPH) electronically via CalREDIE or via confidential fax (916) 854-9709.
3. **Collect** stool specimens from patients presenting with acute GI illness who are Elverta students or contacts to Elverta students.
4. **Encourage** patients with acute GI illness to remain home from work or school until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved.
5. **Educate** patients on how to prevent the spread of GI illness, including proper hand hygiene, food preparation, cleaning surfaces, and laundering of contaminated linens or clothes).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olivia Kasirye MD".

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Public Health Officer