

## SUSPECTED NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK

**To:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives  
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

A potential food borne illness is currently being investigated at Wild Wing Temiskaming Shores. Exposure dates are Tuesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 17, 2022. Preliminary investigation indicates that the cause of illness is likely norovirus which can spread easily through people, on food and on surfaces.

### **Symptoms**

The most common causative agent for foodborne illness outbreaks is Norovirus which primarily causes vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, and fever. Symptoms may present between 12 and 48 hours after exposure and people generally recover within 1 to 3 days. At present, norovirus is the most likely cause of this outbreak and confirmatory testing is pending.

*Patients should continue to isolate until they have been 48hrs symptom-free of vomiting and diarrhea.*

### **Testing**

Patients presenting with gastro symptoms, specifically ongoing diarrhea, who consumed food items from the Wild Wing Temiskaming Shores can be considered for a [viral stool collection](#) in addition to usual stool for C&S and O&P. The regular orange top specimen container can be used for the viral stool collection. Please ensure the PHOL test requisition is complete and specifies stool for viral testing.

Specimens collected should be linked to the following outbreak number: 2263-2022-00021.

### **Hospital admissions**

We ask that you reach out to the Dr. Corneil directly should anybody be admitted to hospital due to Norovirus symptoms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

**Monday to Friday**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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