

Acute Gastroenteritis

Gastroenteritis means inflammation of the stomach and small and large intestines. Viral gastroenteritis is an infection caused by a variety of viruses that result in vomiting or diarrhea. It is often called the "stomach flu," although it is not caused by the influenza viruses. Many different viruses can cause gastroenteritis, including Norovirus.

Please note that outbreaks of acute gastroenteritis in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, daycares, and restaurants are reportable *immediately* to Tillamook County Health Department. The definition of an outbreak is an "unusual" number of residents, employees, or customers who suddenly report symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhea within one to four days.

[CDC Information: Acute Gastroenteritis](#)

[CDC Information: Norovirus](#)

Information for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities

- ✓ [Controlling person to person Transmission](#)
- ✓ [Cleaning up vomit and other unpleasant tasks](#)
- ✓ [EPA's list of approved products for cleaning up Norovirus](#)
- ✓ [CD Summary: Norovirus in Nursing Homes](#)