

Actions to Prepare for Norovirus Season

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1	This guidance document has been read by all staff.		
2	Staff have been educated on the importance of hydration for care home residents; staff can list the signs and symptoms of dehydration and know how to respond.		
3	Staff education has been reinforced for hand hygiene (using liquid soap and water). Alcohol-based hand rubs (ABHRs) may not be effective against norovirus so should not be used alone for hand hygiene.		
4	Liquid soap and disposable paper hand towels are available in all toilets/bathrooms within the facility including residents' rooms/ensuites.		
5	Personal protective equipment (PPE) is available i.e. disposable gloves, aprons and masks in sufficient quantities.		
6	A linen management system is in place and water-soluble laundry bags are available.		
7	Waste disposal systems are in place including foot operated bins.		
8	Sufficient quantities of cleaning materials are in place including a disinfectant that contains 1000 parts per million available chlorine.		
9	Appropriate measures are ready for residents with symptoms for a minimum of two days after the onset of symptoms or until fully recovered (including a safety risk assessment for keeping residents' room doors closed whilst symptomatic. Planning for care provision for symptomatic residents in a separate area of the home has been considered if possible/appropriate).		
10	Norovirus prevention posters are displayed in highly visible areas (see Norovirus_Posters.pdf).		
11	The Norovirus Prevention Flowchart is displayed in staff areas (see Norovirus_Flowchart.pdf).		
Your local Health Protection Team (HPT) contact details:			
Completed by:		Date:	