

NOROVIRUS MANAGEMENT

Single
Point
Lesson

Noro Virus is Circulating in the Community throughout the year and causes significant disruption in the care home environment.

Any 2 cases of symptomatic residents constitutes and outbreak.
You need to close to admissions on the affected unit or floor. Inform GP

Hand washing

There should be a clear schedule of

- what needs to be cleaned.
- When it should be cleaned
- What it should be cleaned with

Cleaning during an outbreak

Use Milton disinfectant for

Toilets

Taps

Sinks

Commodes

Hand rails

Commode bowls

Any other high touch environment, key pads, door knobs etc



You need to isolate any resident with symptoms.
Inform the Infection control team and
Obtain stool specimens 3 identifiers must be on the form and pot
DOB Name GP NHS number if possible
An outbreak incident log number will be obtained and given to you for the form

Keep your residents hydrated.

Keep an eye on how much urine your residents are passing.

Keep a fluid chart to record how much your residents are drinking.

Keep a record of all those affected including staff.
The Infection control team will send out a form for you to keep a log of those affected
You will receive a telephone call daily from an Infection control nurse during your outbreak

Stop all routine appointments
Hair dresser
Out Patient appointments to hospitals
District nursing activity is classed as essential and therefore must be undertaken as normal.

Hand washing is Essential



Remember exclusion from return to work period is 48hrs after the last symptom has stopped.

Remember

To inform the hospital that you have an outbreak if any of your residents are admitted or transferred to hospital during your outbreak.

To ensure your residents wash their hands after toileting and before meals.

Deep clean once your outbreak is over.

Steam clean carpets where possible.

Infection control Advice? Ring 01744 457 314