

Norovirus Quick Reference

ABOUT

- **Highly contagious virus**
- Leading cause of **acute gastroenteritis outbreaks**
- Infection can occur from **very few viral particles**
- Sudden onset of **vomiting and diarrhea**
- Rapid **environmental contamination**
- **Outbreaks** commonly occur in healthcare, long-term care, and other **shared settings**

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Extremely **low infectious dose**
- Abrupt onset with **prominent vomiting**
- **High viral shedding** during acute illness
- **Resistant** to common disinfectants
- **Rapid spread** in shared environments

RESERVOIR



Humans



Contaminated Food



Contaminated Water



Environmental Surfaces

TRANSMISSION



Hands



Fecal - Oral

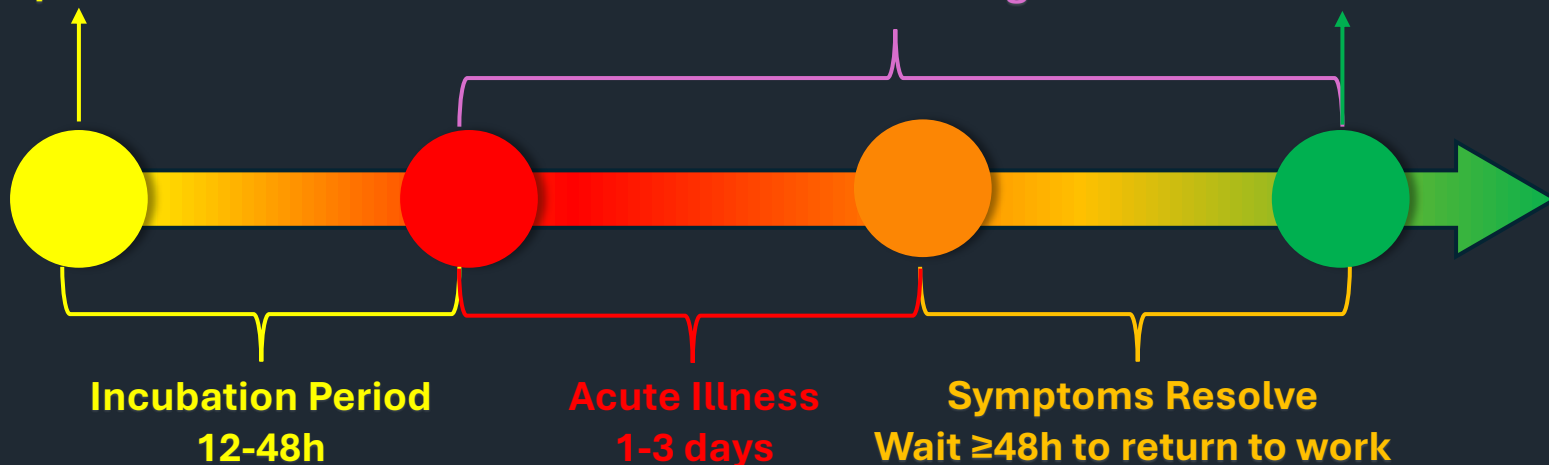


Aerosolized Vomitus

Exposure

Period of Contagion

Return to Work



Enhanced Contact Precautions



Soap & Water



Gloves



Dedicated Equipment



Gown

Environmental Cleaning

- Use **BLEACH** or
- **EPA List G Disinfectant**