

**Subject:** Increased Norovirus Activity in Michigan [id: 1740338]

**Importance:** Low

Norovirus activity in the State of Michigan has swiftly increased in the past week, primarily affecting health care facilities and schools. Southeastern and Central Michigan are reporting the majority of outbreaks. The Michigan Department of Community Health Communicable Disease Division requests reporting of all suspected norovirus outbreaks. Outbreak specimens should be collected for norovirus confirmation and strain typing by the State when possible. Reporting and arrangements for specimen testing must be made to the Communicable Disease Division at (517) 335-8165.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently released a Norovirus Toolkit for healthcare settings. The toolkit features recommended infection control measures and tools for outbreak response and coordination. The Norovirus Toolkit can be located at <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pubs.html>.