### Has the resident had 2 or more episodes of new and unexplained vomiting and/or diarrhea in a 24 hour period (not related to an underlying condition, medication or diet change etc.) OR is there concern of a viral/bacterial enteric illness? No further action Is there required. more than one If the resident develops SWPH does not need **UNCERTAIN** Call SWPH at resident with similar new or worsening Or only 1 episode of to be notified. Follow 1-800-922-0096 symptoms within a 48 symptoms, go back to vomiting or diarrhea the instructions in hour period? step 1. steps 3, 4 & 5 below.

#### **ISOLATION & ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Case Isolation: Isolate the ill resident in a private room. If a private room is not available, draw the curtain and dedicate equipment and toileting.
- Roommate Isolation: Isolation not required.
- Duration of isolation: Go to step 5 test results.
- **PPE:** Use contact precautions while providing direct care or interacting with the ill resident.
- Cleaning & Disinfection: Increase frequency of cleaning & disinfection of high-touch items and surfaces. Switch to an intermediate or high-level disinfectant.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infection. Ensure staff, residents and visitors perform frequent hand hygiene.

#### **ISOLATION & ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Isolate resident for 24 hrs to monitor for new or worsening symptoms.
- Consult with the resident's physician for an assessment.
- PPE: Use contact precautions when providing direct care or interacting with the resident.
- Cleaning & Disinfection: Increase frequency of cleaning & disinfection of high-touch items and surfaces. Switch to an intermediate or high-level disinfectant.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infection. Ensure staff, residents and visitors perform frequent hand hygiene.
- If new or worsening symptoms develop, go back to step 1.
- If NO new or worsening symptoms develop and/or if there is an alternate, non-infectious diagnosis, isolation and additional precautions may be discontinued and testing is not required.

## **SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT**

- Collect stool samples per medical director or resident's physician recommendations for sporadic cases (i.e., one symptomatic resident).
- Complete a General Test Requisition for stool samples.
  - Use the medical director or resident's physician as the ordering provider for non-outbreak samples.
- Ensure resident demographics on the requisition match the demographics on the specimen container(s).
- Collect a swab for COVID-19 only if COVID-19 is strongly suspected OR per direction from medical director or resident's physician.
- **Submit** non-outbreak samples (i.e., a sample from one sporadic ill resident) to the lab using your facility courier.
- Contact SWPH to discuss specimen collection and transport during a suspect or confirmed outbreak.

## Norovirus

- Case Isolation: Isolate until 3 days after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Roommate Isolation: n/a
- **PPE:** Gown and gloves. Medical mask and eye protection may be needed based on point of care risk assessment.
- **SWPH Notification Required**: Not unless there is more than one ill resident.

# **Unknown (No Pathogen Detected)**

- Case Isolation: Isolate until 2 days after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Roommate Isolation: n/a
- **PPE:** Gown and gloves. Medical mask and eye protection may be needed based on point of care risk assessment.
- SWPH Notification Required: Not unless there is more than one ill resident.