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Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Wisconsin Long-Term Care Facilities

In recent years there has been increased awareness of the impact of Norovirus as the primary cause of gastroenteritis outbreaks in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

At the request of the Wisconsin Division of Public Health (DPH), Bureau of Communicable Diseases, the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) is reissuing the DPH Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in Wisconsin Long-Term Care Facilities. These recommendations were initially released on January 12, 2009 via the DHS-DQA publications list serve.

While the focus of these recommendations is targeted to nursing homes, the infection prevention and control principles and practices contained within this document are also applicable to assisted living providers and facilities serving people with developmental disabilities who may want to incorporate this information into their infection prevention and control policies and procedures.

Attachment:

[Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Viral Gastroenteritis Outbreaks in WI LTC Facilities](#) (PDF, 290 KB)