

DISPOSAL

Norovirus is highly contagious, and as a result, when a person infected with the virus gets sick in a restaurant or foodservice operation, it is important to clean and dispose of the sickness correctly. Food can become contaminated when infected people who have traces of vomit or stool on their hands touch food or food-contact surfaces or when food comes into direct contact with the stool or vomit by either being placed on incorrectly cleaned and sanitized surfaces, or by particles flying through the air. If someone infected with norovirus has vomit or diarrhea in your operation, **follow these steps to correctly remove the spill.**

- Use paper towels or sprinkle an absorbent material on the spill. Allow it to stand until it is soaked up or jelled.
- Apply disinfectant cleaner, such as Ecolab TB Disinfectant Cleaner Ready-to-Use, to the spill. Spray the area until it is covered with the solution and allow the product to penetrate and remain wet for time specified by the product label.
- Using a disposable shovel and paper towels, pick up all of the jelled substance or remaining spill. Place it in a trash bag. If there is blood, use a red bag to denote the contents. Seal the bag tightly with a twist tie.
- Place the garbage bag inside of a secondary garbage bag. Once the spill is completely cleaned up, place the disposable shovel into the secondary bag as well.
- Use paper towels and additional disinfecting cleaning solution to clean up surrounding areas that may have been affected by the spill. Place all soiled paper towels into the secondary garbage bag.
- Apply the TB Disinfectant Cleaner Ready-to-Use one more time to the area following directions for use on the label. Allow to penetrate before wiping up. If a spill is on a food-contact surface, that surface must then be rinsed with potable water to remove the disinfectant.
- Remove disposable apron, face mask, shoe covers, and gloves, and place them in the secondary garbage bag with the shovel and first garbage bag.
- Seal the secondary garbage bag and place outside in garbage bins or a dumpster.
- Thoroughly wash hands.