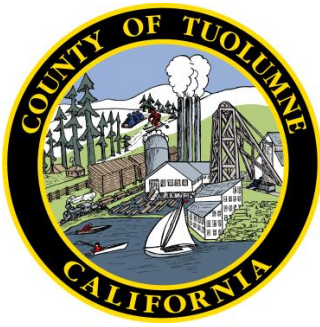




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To: All Tuolumne County First Responders, Public Safety Personnel, Fire Department Personnel, and EMS Personnel

From: Kimberly Freeman, MD, CPE, FACEP, Paramedic, EMS Medical Director

Re: Suspected Norovirus Outbreak

Tuolumne County Public Health has received several reports of an increase in patients with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain.

When responding to any patient with the above symptoms the following PPE and disinfectant procedures shall be followed.

PPE Requirements:

1. Contact and Standard Precautions
 - a. Gloves
 - b. Eye Protection
 - c. Gowns
 - d. Surgical Mask

Environmental Cleaning

Perform routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched environmental surfaces and equipment. The link below provides the list of EPA Registered Antimicrobial Products Effective Against Norovirus. Remember to adhere to contact times on the product being used.

1. https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/02-22-2021_list-g.pdf
2. Disinfect ambulance with aeroclave after transport for patients with the above symptoms.

CDC recommends exclusion of ill personnel from work for a minimum of 48 hours after resolution of symptoms.

Contact Tuolumne County EMS Agency at (209) 533-7460 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Freeman, MD, CPE, FACEP, Paramedic