



# Vomit and Diarrhea Clean-up Procedures

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the following procedures to clean up vomit or diarrhea in the facility to minimize the spread of contamination. Staff responsible for the clean-up must be trained and ensure all supplies are available to properly implement the procedures

## Contain the spill

- Clear an area of 25 feet in all directions from contaminated area and block access.
- Employees must wear personal protective equipment (PPE) including disposable gloves, a mask, and an apron.

## Cover and remove the spill

- Use absorbent powder, kitty litter, or sanitizer-soaked paper towels to cover, then scoop the material from the outside working towards the center. Throw away in the trash. Do NOT vacuum.
- Throw away all food and any disposable items within the 25-foot radius.
- Remove washable items for cleaning and disinfecting.

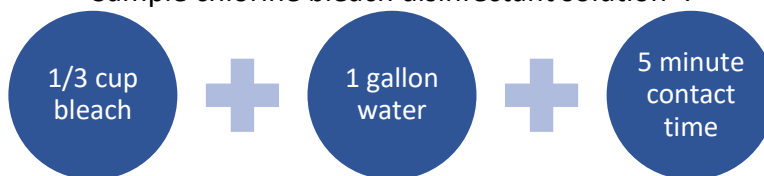
## Clean

- Use soapy water to clean the spill area, including surfaces close to the spill and high touch areas such as faucet handles, doorknobs, counters, and phones.
- Rinse all washed areas thoroughly and dry with disposable paper towels.
- Remove all PPE items carefully to avoid contaminating yourself. Place PPE and disposable clean up tools in the trash.
- **Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after cleaning.**

## Disinfect

- Employees must wear new PPE.
- Disinfect with chlorine bleach (see below) or other EPA-registered disinfectant sufficient to inactivate Norovirus. Follow manufacturers label instructions for disinfectant strength and contact time.
- Washable items must be cleaned and disinfected before being stored, including reusable clean up tools.
- Remove all PPE items carefully. Place PPE and disposable clean up tools in the trash.
- **Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water once completed.**

Sample chlorine bleach disinfectant solution\*:



\*Food contact surfaces must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized (manually or through a warewashing machine) before use.

**This written procedure must be maintained in the establishment and be available to the Health Authority upon request.**