

**Two or more cases of D&V**

**Out of hours – 17:00PM – 09:00AM**

Ensure staff assess, monitor and document symptoms on outbreak forms

Use Bristol stool chart

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Call PHE to notify and for advice  
TEL: 0344 225 2562 - option 3

- Display outbreak posters
- Inform staff & visitors
- Reinforce hand hygiene

- Complete outbreak form daily
- List all resident's & staff details
- Inform Health Protection Team in hours with update on 0161 770 1276/1467

**Specimens**

Care Homes to collect stool pots from the HP Team and once sample collected to be posted via the self-addressed envelope to MRI Virology with IL number

- Postpone non urgent appointments
- Inform hospital of outbreak if residents admitted
- Cancel events (discuss with HP Team)

**Complete a fluid & stool chart for all affected residents**

If PHE do not advise to close the Home, no further action is required.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

- Isolate affected residents in their own rooms
- Keep doors closed

Affected staff must stay off work  
**48 hours after last D&V symptoms**

Enforce handwashing using soap and water by staff, residents & visitors.

**DO NOT RELY ON ALCOHOL GEL DURING AN OUTBREAK.**

Gloves & aprons available in all rooms  
Remove as clinical waste before leaving room

Use red alginate water soluble laundry bags for soiled linen during an outbreak.

Increase cleaning throughout the Home!  
Dept. Health advises bleach (or Milton) on hard surfaces Handrails, toilets, bedrails, handles  
**4+ times a day and when soiled/dirty**

The home can reopen after discussion with HP Team and must be deep cleaned first

**48 hours after last symptoms**

The HP Team will contact the Home daily during the outbreak to provide further advice & support.