Policy 714



APPENDIX A - THRESHOLDS FOR REPORTING CLUSTER OF VIRAL GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

School principals will report to <u>Regional Public Health</u> of instances of acute gastrointestinal illness clusters (including norovirus) involving diarrhea and/or vomiting, should the number of illnesses meet or exceed the threshold identified below based on the student and school personnel population.

Student and School Personnel Population	Reporting to Public Health if the number of
	cases is equal to or above
200 and under	6 cases
201 to 300	7 cases
301 to 400	10 cases
401 to 500	13 cases
501 to 600	16 cases
601 to 700	18 cases
701+	20 cases

If students or school personnel develop gastrointestinal (GI) illness and the source is suspected to be from food or water served at school or at a school-sponsored activity, the cases must be reported regardless of the number of affected individuals, even if less than the above threshold.