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Health Department Receives Results

Bunnell – Flagler County Health Department has received confirmation from the state lab that specimens received from individuals affected by the gastrointestinal illness are all positive for Norovirus.

In addition to the specimen samples the Flagler County Health Department performed inspections of the Cafeteria and Food Service operations and collected water samples at Rymfire Elementary School all with satisfactory results. The City of Palm Coast also performed bacteriological analysis in 3 locations in the vicinity of Rymfire Elementary School with satisfactory results.

At this time, no further specimens from affected individuals are needed. People should concentrate on preventing further outbreaks.

Flagler County Health Department and Flagler County Schools have organized an information session on gastrointestinal outbreaks. The session will be at Buddy Taylor Middle School in the Cafeteria on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

People infected and having symptoms of Norovirus are contagious from the moment they begin feeling ill to at least 3 days after recovery.

To control further outbreaks:

- Isolate ill people at home
- Exclude ill people from school or work for 3 days after symptoms stop
- Increase hand washing substantially
- Increase the cleaning of surfaces in bathrooms and cafeterias

For additional information contact the Flagler County Health Department at (386) 437-7350 ext. 2261 or residents can visit www.flaglercounty.org

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