Cleaning up Possible Norovirus Exposure

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2. WEAR PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)
3. CLEAN AND DISINFECT ENTIRE AREA
4. DISCARD ALL ITEMS USED TO CLEAN AREA
5. WASH HANDS
1. **ISOLATE THE AREA:** *immediately* protect customers and other staff from area of possible exposure by blocking off the area that needs to be cleaned.

2. **WEAR PROPER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):** prevent spread of norovirus to self (and others) by wearing disposable gloves, a mask, and apron.

3. **CLEAN AND DISINFECT ENTIRE AREA:** *immediately* use an approved disinfectant that is effective against norovirus in a large radius around the area of the spill.

4. **DISCARD ALL ITEMS USED TO CLEAN AREA:** everything used to clean up a spill should be thrown away to prevent further spreading norovirus. This includes PPE, paper towels, mops, dust pans, etc.

5. **WASH HANDS:** after completed cleaning, disinfecting and disposing of everything, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

**IMPORTANT**

*When creating a norovirus cleanup procedure for your establishment, be sure to be specific and list out the exact cleaner and disinfectant that you have available for employees to use. Tell them how to mix the disinfectant properly, or how long the disinfectant must contact the area of the spill to ensure the germs have been destroyed.*