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Norovirus Update

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) is seeing a significant number of gastrointestinal illness outbreaks across the state this winter, which are likely caused by norovirus infections. Since the beginning of 2012, over 40 outbreaks have been reported to MDPH, mostly in the long term care setting. Other settings, such as schools, hospitals and prisons have also reported outbreaks.

Norovirus infections can be prevented by using good hand hygiene and avoiding contact with sick individuals and their environment.

The CDC web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/revb/gastro/norovirus.htm>) provides additional information