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Visitor Restriction Lifted at Tisdale Hospital

Visitor restrictions in place at Tisdale Hospital were officially lifted by the Medical Health Officer today.

The outbreak was officially declared on January 26, 2012. Symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea were first reported among five patients and one staff member on Wednesday, January 25th. One-third of the initial stool samples tested positive for Norovirus. In total, 12 patients and five staff were impacted by the outbreak.

Visitors to Tisdale Hospital and all health region facilities are being asked to exercise caution, including using hand cleanser, when entering and leaving a facility and to stay away from facilities if they are showing signs of illness.

The public can help prevent the spread of Norovirus:

- Always thoroughly wash hands with soap and warm water especially:
 - after using the toilet,
 - after diapering a child,
 - before and after preparing or handling food,
 - before and after eating.
- Use alcohol-based hand gel frequently, particularly if handwashing is not immediately possible.
- Cook food thoroughly.
- Clean all surfaces thoroughly, especially taps, railings, door handles, and counters, at home and where groups of people congregate.
- If ill, stay at home for at least 48 hours after the last symptoms to prevent spread to others.

People who have questions about gastrointestinal illness can contact the Saskatchewan HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002 or visit the Kelsey Trail Health Region website at www.kelseytrailhealth.com to obtain more information.

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