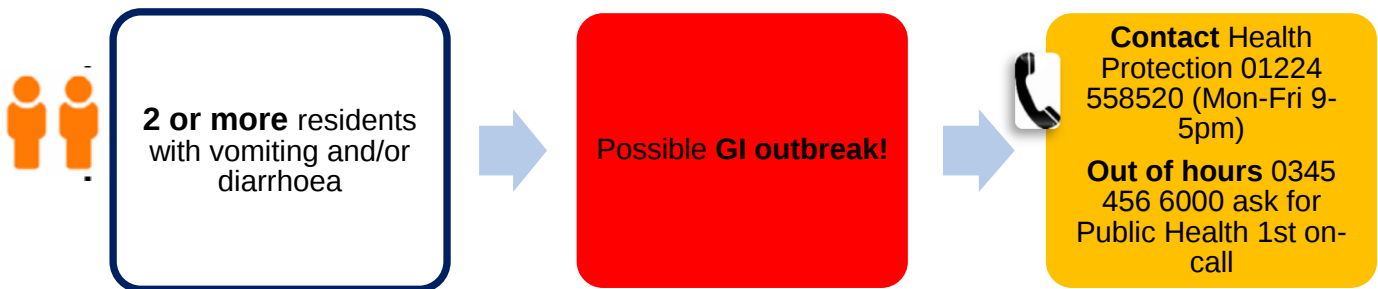


QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE: GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS (GI)



- Isolate symptomatic resident(s) immediately and close their door (If safe to do so).
- Collect a stool sample:
 - Stool sample kits can be accessed via your GP or your care assurance team
 - Send one stool sample per symptomatic resident
 - Use the HPT pre-populated request form or if using the GP form please tick “microbiology” and “virology” on the request form
 - Drop samples at the GP practice.
- Check all details are completed on the sample container and request form.
- Record the time and date of all vomiting and diarrhoea episodes for residents and staff using HPT template.
- Use a fluid repellent face mask when caring for residents who are vomiting.
- Do not use alcohol hand rub, this is ineffective against GI pathogens.
- Wash hands using running water, liquid soap and pat dry using paper towels.
- Symptomatic residents to isolate until 48 hours free from the last symptoms and well.
- Further info and guidance follow:
 - [Care Home IPC resource for gastro-intestinal illness](#)
 - [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: A-Z Pathogens](#)